Churches
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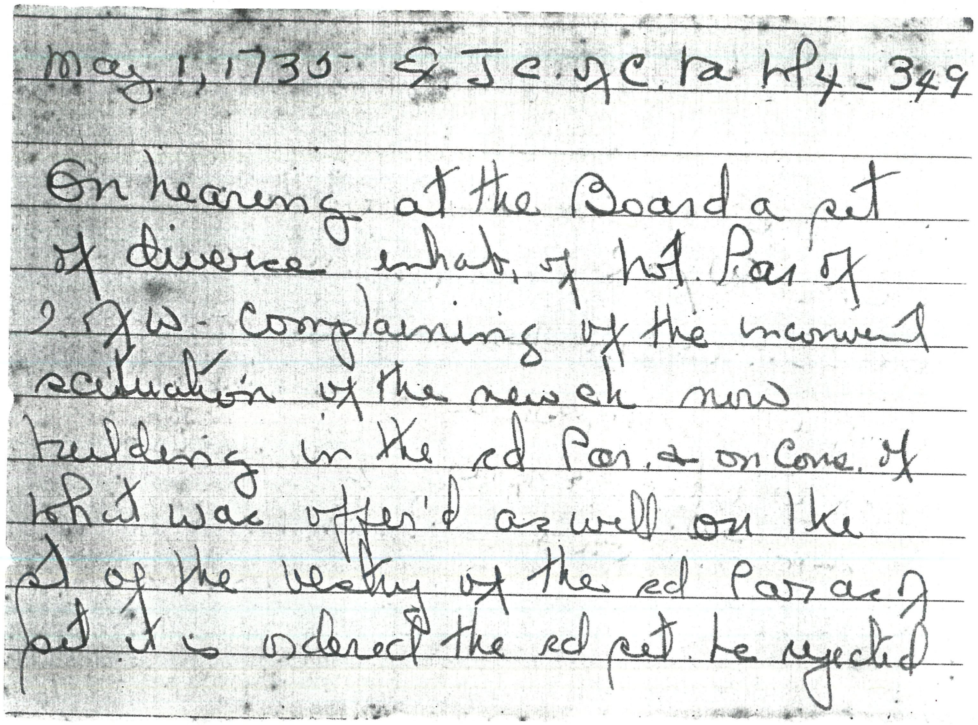

May 1, 1730 E J C of C Va Vol 4 - 349

On hearing at the Board a pet
of divers inhab. of Not. Par of
I of W - complaining of the inconvent
scituation of the new ch now
building in the sd Par, & on Cons. of
what was offer'd as well on the
P of the vestry of the sd Par as of
pet it is ordered the sd pet be rejected

Church Petition.

On hearing at the Bo. a Pet
of Severe Inhabitants of
Nottoway Parish in the Co. of I. W.
complaining of the inconvenient
scituation of the new church now
building in the sd. Parish on
consideration of what was offered
as well on the part of the Vestry
of the sd Parish as of the Pets It is
ordered the sd Pet be rejected.

May 1, 1730
E. J. C of Col. Va Vol 4-350

It seems the accepted theory that the Flemish method of bonding did not generally come into use among the English until the influx of Flemish brick masons after the London fire in 1666.

Church.

Baptist Data
Copy. pg. 308
D. B. 13-308
1770

Church

12-13-1733 +
Nicholas Wm of Newport
Parish of Isle of W. of
the one part + Joseph
Godwin + Tho Jarrell
Gent Church wardens of
the Parish of the other part +
in the consideration of building
of a chappele for the worship
of Al- God, - do grant
1 a of land

D B 4-278

J. Church

Report of the Com. upon a petit. of the minister, Church wardens + vestry of the Lawnes Ck. Par. in Surry Co. concerning the enlargement of the sd parish + against the consolidation of it with the up. par. of I of W. Co. The house disagreed to the sd report, that the consideration of the sd pet. shall be referred Thursday + all persons then concerned then heard.

Ordered the sd pet. be rejected. aug 15-1701

J. H of B vol 3 - 254

Church

Rep. of Com upon griev of I of W. Co setting forth that the ch. wardens + vestry men of several Par. are not qualified by law upon which the sd Comttee report that the sd griev. be rejected the law sufficiently providing in such cases. ~~He~~ order the sd griev. be rejected, 1699

J. H of B. vol 3 - 156.

Church

The petition of the minister, vestry + church warden of the up. par of I of W. Co. desiring a part of the lower par. of ~~of~~ the sd Co. may be joyned to them referred by his Excellency + Council to the consideration of the house. Ordered. That the consideration of the sd pet be referred to the Com. of prop. + griev. to report there opinion thereon 1701

J. H of B vol 3 - 252 Rejected.

Church

Rev. Henry John Burges
of the Co. of Southampton
1782

D. B 15 - 10

Church

Michael Fulgham deeds one A. of land to the Ch. Wardens & vestrymen of the Lower Par. of the Isle of W. whereon the church-house now standeth by deep Swampe with concent of Anne my wife 1683

Geo Hardy 1654 - 100 pds of tob. toward the building of the ch. in this par. in case it be built with Brick.

W-M- V7-234

Karby Kegan 1657 to the ch. of I. of W. one hogshead of tob. containing 350 lbs. " -235-

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Church

To all Christian Peo. to whom these present shall come. Know that I Michall Fulghm of the Lower Par. of the I of W. Co do acknowledge to have received of the Ch. Wa & Vestrymen of the sd lower par. of the I of W. Co full & valuable consideration for one A. of land situate lying & bounded in the lower Par. whereon the Churchhouse now stands by ye deep Swamp, wherefore I the sd M. F. do with the consent of Anne my wife do give grant, sell & confirm forever unto the sd vestrymen for the use of the Par. the said A. of land afore named, warranting the sale thereof to be good etc.

wit 9-6-1683
John Pitt
Dennis Bowen. W & D B I - 509

Mis

Henry Baker gent. of Nansemond & Alex Forbes clerk, of the upper Par. having been constituted vendors, authorized to sell a tract of land donated by Mr Hill to the poor of the par., & having on their petition to the Gen. Court been liberated from the disposal of the effects of the sd land, the church wardens of the par. accept from ye sd H. B & A. F. the sum of 265-00 pds of tob. as the whole full price of the sd land etc

21 april 1720

W. M7-263

Church

Church in upper par by 1674. See will of Maj Nicholas Hill.

W. M. V7-238.

Church 1725.

Whereas the vestries of the respective parishes of Lawne's creek in the Co. of Surry + Newport in the Co. of I of W. have made complaint to the Gov against John Worden + Thomas Baylie Clerke ministers of the sd parishes for many notorious immoralities + other offences + praying that they may be admitted to bring evidence for proving the sd immor. + offences. + that the sd min. may be thereupon suspended from officiating any longer in the sd parishes

Both dismissed + offences proven before Gov + council.
Ex. J. C of C. V. vol 4 - 89.

Called Newport Par in 170 6/7
see D B 2 - 49

I of W. Co. - Warwick creek (Warrasqueake) Minister
Ths. Sharpe tithes 304 - Newport Min. Andrew. tithes 537.
Trustees, Founders + Gov. appt by the Charter - John
Sear dead - Jas. Blaine
Gov's elected by virtue of ye charter - Lewis Burwell
Phill Ludwell Jr. Wm Fitzhugh, dead,
July 8, 1702 V. H. M. vol. 1 - 374.

nch Deposition abt Glebe if not copied
get it. (glebe) D. B I - 269,

Partial Listing

NAME OF CEMETERY Uzzell United Methodist Church LOCATION Isle of Wight Co., Va.
(TOWN, HIGHWAY OR MAP DESIGNATION) COUNTY STATE

RECORD OF CEMETERY RESEARCH

NAME OF DEAD	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PARENTS, HUSBAND OR WIFE	OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS
J						
Albinous W.						
Johnson		1843		1894		
Sherwood						
Johnson		1875		1898		
Mollie C.						
Johnson		1853		1924		
~~Baby Jones~~				~~1860~~		
Arthur P.						
Jones		1871		1943		
Claude M.						
Jones		1879		1954		
Z. Sam						
Crocker		1892		1977		
Minnie A.						
Crocker		1894		1955		
James B.						
Porter		9-1842		11-11-1914-	T. I.-unreadable	
Fannie E.						
Porter		5-14-1849		3-25-1927-	T. I.	unreadable

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Charlie Mathie		8-5-1900		1-23-1901-	T.I-Son of C.H. & L.D. Batten	
Lizzie D. Batten		12-25-1879		11-20-1903		
Richard Scott		11-11-1864		10-22-1912-	monument	
Ada Spivey Hall		6-17-1844		10-2, 1926-	monument	
Richard C. Matthews		4-25-1869		2-9-1937		
James M. Matthews		6-10-1873		11-19-1939		
James C. Matthews		3-19-1831		8-28, 1912	T.I-Asleep in Jesus	
John Godwin		12-25, 1822		11-20-1893-	T.I. unreadable	
Marianna Godwin		8-10-1833		9-12-1912-	T.I- wife of John Godwin T.I.-Loved by all who knew her	

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Church

To Spotswood

The respective members of the vestry of ye Upper Par of I of W. Co - humbly petitioning Sheweth — May 9, 1722

That whereas the extent of this County from Jas River to its utmost confine over the Not + Meherrin, is so tedious a length of ground, the roads at most seasons, so impassable, and the rivers more difficult, that it becomes very chargeable + burthensome to the inward Inhabitants, who for some time have been largely taxed for the Importation of those remote dues to convenient landings, and the vestry put to great difficulty to procure undertakers to collect the same upon reasonable Terms —

And whereas the Parish church (which ever heretofore has been greatly happy in the constant supply of a minister) is lately become vacant and destitute thro' our late Teachers' leaving it purely by means of the many hardships + difficulties he was obliged to undergo to perform his duty at so remote a distance, wherefore

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Wm. Crumpler
Saml. Davis
Rich. Gray
David Baker

W Bridger
Thom. Walton
Reuben Proctor
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Geo. Riddick

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Jos. Bridger
Joe Godwin
Tho. Pitt

Fra. Smith
Hen & Tho. Applewhaite
Chris & Geo Norsworthy
Tho. Brewer.

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Jr.

BENN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS
1900 TO 1986

Compiled by John M. Speirs

Benn's United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Highway 10 and Highway 258 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The history of the church membership actually dates back to pre-Revolution times even through written record of the membership is not known to exist prior to the records provided with this letter. Members of the early Methodist society originally belonged to the historic St. Luke's Church which was established in 1632. St. Luke's is within a quarter of a mile of the present Benn's Church.

During the Revolutionary period members of the St. Luke's Church became part of the O'Kelly movement to establish Republican Methodist Church, now the Christian Church. George Benn, one of the founders of St. Luke's Church, and other patriots joined together to build a Methodist meeting house as part of the O'Kelly movement sometime between the beginning of the Revolution and 1800. In his Will, George Benn left the meeting house and lands to "the Methodist Connection, to them and their successors forever".

It was on this land that the present sanctuary structure was built in 1924. The architecture captures many of the design features of the St. Luke's Church. I am thankful to John B. Edwards, the church historian, for his compilation of Benn's Church history. The above synopsis is derived from his work.

The earliest recorded membership is that of James A. Ashby in the year 1869. The church records are contained in several volumes from which this listing is compiled. The first names listed were individuals that do not have an actual date of membership recorded with their name. They are included simply to present a complete listing. The next section beginning with Ida Batten in January, 1874, represent women members that joined separately or whose husband in the membership record is unclear. The final section beginning with James A. Ashby in 1869, is for men joining separately or where the husband and wife are clearly shown. They are arranged in each section by date order. I attempted to capitalize maiden surnames where they are identifiable.

surname	male first	m	female first	middle	mon	day	year	mon	day	year
BATTEN	E	K								
BATTEN	Junius									
BATTEN			Margaret							
BUNKLEY			Sue	A						
BUNKLEY			Nannie	A						
BUNKLEY			Maria	L						
BUNKLEY			Francis	E						
COOPER	Willie									
DRIVER			Martha	D						
FULGHAM	William	E								
HALL			Sandra							
HODSDEN	W	I								
HODSDEN			Sarah	M						
HODSDEN			Mary	E						
JOHNSTON	Donald	L	Shannon							
JORDAN			Daisey	BUNKLEY						
LANE			Malvin	M						
OLEY			Ruth	T						
OWEN	Victor									
POWELL			Mary	A						
POWELL	Bennie									
POWELL	Frank	L								
REYNOLDS			Sarah	Margaret						
UNDERWOOD	Joe	T								
UNDERWOOD			Bessie	Lee						
WHITNEY	A	O								
WHITNEY			Margaret	A						
YEOMAN	Frank	E								
YEOMAN			Bessie							
BATTEN			Ida	L				1		1874
MILBY			Kate	D				1		1874
BUNKLEY			Cassandra	D				9	12	1875
HALL			Martha	S				9	12	1875
MINTON			Eudora	L				9	12	1875
PRUDEN			Ann	E				10	14	1877
MINTON			Susan	A				8	25	1878
HOLLAND			Margaret	B				3		1879
WILLIAMS			Cornelia	S				9	11	1881
ANDREWS			Mary	L				10	22	1882
DAVIS			Mary	E				4	9	1882
WEBB			Susan	M				11	12	1882
JORDAN			Martha	A				8	23	1885
EDWARDS			Emma	M				9	12	1886
HODSDEN			Grace	M				9	25	1887
POWELL			Mary	Mabry				10	9	1887
RAMSEY			Eva	C				9	25	1887
WHITLEY			Maida	HART				8		1889
MINTON			Lillian	A				8	30	1890
CHAPMAN			Lillie	PORTER						1891
BATTEN			Maggie	E				8		1892
HODSDEN			Bessie	M						1893
JORDAN			Sophia	Cate				8		1893
YEOMAN			Annie	C				9		1895

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HAYES			Mary Sue	PARKER				8	20	1896
LARMAR			Grace	ASHBY				8	30	1896
YEOMAN			Sallie R	BATTEN				8	20	1896
GRAY			Mary Bruce	HODSDEN				8	21	1898
ALSTON			Mary	B				8		1899
BARLOW			Nannie	D				8	20	1899
BRIGGS			Georgie C	BATTEN				8	20	1899
COLES			M. Lila	JORDAN				8	20	1899
COX			Sallie B	BATTEN				8	20	1899
DAVIS			Meda	B						1899
JORDAN			Mattie	G				8	20	1899
NOTTINGHAM			Fannie D	JORDAN				8	20	1899
BAIN			M. Victoria	WHITLEY				10	7	1900
DRIVER			Lillian	BUNKLEY				8	11	1900
KIDD			Lelia	BUNKLEY				8	11	1900
JOHNSON			Eula	J				10	6	1901
JORDAN			Annie	L				1	22	1901
FULGHAM			Mollie B	JOHNSON				8	18	1902
JOHNSON			A	Florence				8	18	1902
PARKER			Mary	Lou				4	16	1902
WHITLEY			E	Virgie				10	26	1902
ALSTON			Ida	Lee						1903
BATTEN			Agnes	M						1903
BATTEN			Mittie	P						1903
BRANCH			May	L						1903
BUNKLEY			Edna	T						1903
EDWARDS			Julia R	CUTCHINS						1903
BASSETT			Ethel					8		1905
BRANCH			Olive	M				8		1905
BROWN			Katie R	POWELL				12		1905
CARTER	Albert	J	Sallie	L				8		1905
CHANNEL			Bessie	E				8		1905
CHANNEL			E	Ola				8		1905
CUTCHINS			Nina					8		1905
CUTCHINS			Julia	R				8		1905
EDWARDS			Emily	N				8		1905
EDWARDS			Elizabeth	V				8		1905
LATIMER			Mattie	Kate				8		1905
SYKES			Ninah					8		1905
WISHART			Maggie	C				8		1905
YEOMAN			Mary	A				8		1905
HODSDEN			Laura	W				8		1906
DIXON			Josephine	NORSWORTHY				11	22	1908
HALL			Mary	Virginia				2	2	1908
TURNER			N	W				2	23	1908
EVERETT			Maggie	Estelle				8	13	1909
LATIMER			Nancy D	BLACKWELL				8	13	1909
LUFSEY			Emma	D				3	21	1909
POWELL			Sarah	Elizabeth				8	13	1909
YEOMAN			Ruth	Ina				3	14	1909
CHANNELL			Virginia	MORRIS				8	13	1909
HOLLOWAY			Mary	O				8	19	1910
LUFSEY			Mallory					8	19	1910

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WISHART			Virginia	E				8	19	1910
WISHART			Margaret					9	19	1910
YEOMAN			Mary	G				8	19	1910
BATTEN			Agnes	BURTON				8	18	1911
BUTLER			Sarah Eliz	GRAY				8	18	1911
CRUTCHFIELD			(---)					3	20	1911
GRAY			Mary	Leslie				8	18	1911
LATIMER			Fannie	PORTER				8	18	1911
TUCKER			Annie	May				8	18	1911
PERKINS			Hunter Rives	HOLLOWAY				8	18	1912
GARDNER			Mattie	May				9	24	1913
POWELL			Mabrie	MARSDEN				2	2	1913
LANE			Cornelia					8	14	1913
JOHNSON			Mrs. Allen					8	10	1914
POWELL			Mrs. E. H.							1914
POWELL			Olive	F						1914
CUTCHINS			Lelia							1915
CUTCHINS			Bessie	L						1915
EVERETT			Effie							1915
SCOTT			Mary L	LUFSEY						1915
UNDERWOOD			Martha	Virginia						1915
UNDERWOOD			L.	HOBSON						1915
BROCK			Rebecca							1916
CHANNELL			Bessie	M						1916
CONKLIN			Lillian Virgin	EDWARDS						1916
CROWLEY			Mary	E						1916
FULGHAM			Sallie	E						1916
GLASSCOCK			Ellen Kate	JORDAN						1916
HINES			Rebecca							1916
LATIMER			Violet E	CROWLEY						1916
REED			Devia	E						1916
REID			Dina	E						1916
SAUNDERS			Elizabeth S	MINTON						1916
STRINGFIELD			Edith							1916
WYATT			Pausy	P						1916
YEOMAN			Elizabeth	B						1916
YEOMAN			Elizabeth	B						1916
HOLLODAY			Mary	GRICE HALL						1917
YEOMAN			Lucie	Maree						1917
HOLLAND	Leroy		Virginia	FULGHAM						1918
HOLLOWAY			Lucy	P				12	29	1918
JONES			Hattie	A						1918
LATIMER			Thelma	M						1918
MCCOY			Esta	E						1918
ASHBY			Catherine					8	13	1920
HOLLOWAY			Lucy	A				8	13	1920
JONES			Mary Wilhelmin	EDWARDS						1920
JORDAN			Florence	M						1920
JUDKINS			Martha Jacquel	EDWARDS						1920
LUFSEY			Emma					8	15	1920
MCCOY			Martha	O						1920
PATTENHAUSER			Hannah					8	13	1920
POWELL			Lilliam	Lucile						1921

To be continued -

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Isle of Wight County, Virginia

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(Continued from Volume 22, Number 1)

surname	male first	m	female first	middle	mon	day	year	mon	day	year
POWELL			Margaret	Willie						1921
REED			Nancy	E						1921
ASHBY			Mary	Louise						1922
BRITTON			Lillian Annie	JORDAN						1922
GWALTNEY			Henrietta R	CHAPMAN						1922
LUFSEY			Elizabeth	Lee						1922
LUFSEY			Lily	Mae						1922
POWELL			Mirl	Grace						1922
SPADY			Mildred							1922
YEOMAN			Lucy	Maree						1922
STRINGFIELD			Margaret							1923
WILLIAMS			Mrs. C.F							1923
YEOMAN			Margaret							1923
BAILEY	Charles		Anna							1924
CROCKER			Edith	CLARK						1924
DAVIS			Vivian	Eugene						1924
HOLLOWAY			Lelia	HOLTZMAN						1924
JOHNSTON			Annie BLACKWEL	LATIMER						1924
ALLEN			Margaret B	ASHBY						1925
DELK			Sarah F	CHANNELL						1925
GARRETT			Emily W	CHANNELL						1925
GIILLIAM			Constance E	ADAMS						1925
NOTTINGHAM			Otelia Jane	DRIVER						1925
REID			Carrie	Lee						1925
ADAMS			Louise	UZZELLS						1927
BASSETT			Ellie							1927
BASSETT			Mildred	Elizabeth						1927
BASSETT			Ellen	PORTER						1927
BASSETT			Fannie	P						1927
BUTLER			Senora May	PINNER						1927
DAVIS			Eliza	TIMBERLAKE						1927
DELK			Elizabeth	POWELL						1927
SHENTON			Elsie R	VERNIEW						1927
WINALL			Vivian	Isidore						1927
THOMAS			Margaret Allen	FULGHAM						1928
OWEN			Martha	E						1929
OWEN			Melissa	E						1929
OWEN			S	Lucille						1929
OWEN			Sabarnia	A						1929
FOWLER			Daisy	Bell						1930
FOWLER			Francis	May						1930
FOWLER			Sallie	M						1930
HAWKINS			Edith	Euker						1930
JORDAN			Virginia	W						1930

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PINNER			Katherine	M						1930
PRUDEN			Gladys	L						1930
WHITLEY			Violet	ARMSTEAD						1930
WHITLEY			Eleanor	HYDEN						1930
WILLIAMS			Ethel	May						1930
EWING			Ada	GILLIAM						1931
EWING			Emolie							1931
WILLIAMS			Louise	E						1931
BRANCH			Sadie							1932
WILBURN			Dorothea	B						1932
FARMER			Blanche							1933
FARMER			Eva	Mae						1933
SPURRIER			Mildred							1933
WILSON			Elizabeth							1934
PARKER			Ann							1935
ELEY			Eugunia							1936
ELEY			Edith							1936
FELTS			Dorothy	EVERLINE						1936
FELTS			Elsie	May						1936
FELTS			Nannie	Othelia						1936
LOOTER			Lucille							1936
WHITLEY			Janice							1936
BARNES			Helen							1937
OWEN			Mrs. H.B.							1937
UNDERWOOD			Mrs. Sidney							1937
YEOMAN			Jean	FLETCHER						1938
STANLEY			Eunice							1939
FULGHAM			Anne					8	25	1940
NEWMON			Ms. J. W.					11	8	1942
ATCHESON	R	G	Mrs.					6	20	1944
ATCHESON, Jr	Robert	G	Margaret					10		1944
ATCHISON			Mrs. R.B							1944
HOWELL			Catherine							1944
CHAPMAN	Louis		Jeanette	HAYNES						1945
GOODRICH			Mrs. Robert L					4	1	1945
GOODRICH			Virginia							1945
JORDAN			Jean							1945
MERCER			Emily	POWELL				9		1945
MOORE			Mildred	POWELL				9		1945
POWELL			Nora					9		1945
GOODRICH			Barbara					4		1946
GROOM			Betty Jean	TURNER						1946
HARRELL	Paul		Mrs.							1946
JOYNER			Evelyn							1946
MILBY			Lois							1946
TURNER			Laura	Louise						1946
LATIMER			Vivian							1947
WARD			Phyliss	Lucille				10		1947
WARD			Elsie	MURDELL				10		1947
COURTNEY			Maria	Frances						1948
LANGDON	Grant		Nancy Frank	WISHART						1948
NECESSARY	Olin		Dorothy Jane	POWELL				10		1948
TURNER			Charlotte	Eleanor						1948
COLE	Richard		Mary C	EDWARDS						1949
MALAVE	Samuel		Merrill	HAYNES						1949
OWEN			Gloria					9	11	1949

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GOODRICH			Janet					5	20	1951
ATCHESON			Roberta	Sue				4		1953
CRIDER	Paul		Evelyn	YEOMAN						1953
CROPPER			Elizabeth	Ann						1953
DASHIELL	Fisher		Mary	Elizabeth						1953
JORDAN			Agnes							1953
JORDAN			Roberta							1953
PIPPIN			Mabel	Jean						1953
SMITH			Arlene	DRAUGHN						1953
HAMMOND	W. H.	D	Patricia Anne	REID						1954
LATIMER			Frances	Elaine						1954
MEARS	Ivan		Shirlee	CROPPER						1954
STEINBACH	Roger		Ruth Ann	CLARK						1954
WERNER	Helmut		Ruth	HEMP						1955
APPLEMAN	L	D	Eunice	JORDAN						1956
JORDAN	Randolph		Eunice	HALL						1956
STROUPE			Eugenia	ELEY						1956
GILLIAM	Otis		Louise							1957
HENDERSON	James		Evelyn Conway	YEOMAN						1957
JORDAN	Sam		Margaret	WITHERTON						1957
TURNER, Jr.	James	E	Elizabeth	NELMS						1957
EUBANK			Pamela	WADE						1958
FALLON	Dennis		Rena Diane	TAYLOR						1958
GOODRICH			Paulette	Anne						1958
RISHOI	William	M	Pamela	EUBANK						1958
RYDER	Albert		Elizabeth Bake	EDWARDS						1958
BEALE	Mal		Judy	TAYLOR						1959
MEADOWS	Gary		Lynn	REID						1959
REID			Lynn							1959
CHEEKS, III	William		Deborah Elizab	EUBANK						1960
CRUMPLER			Lucille	WARD						1960
MARSHALL	Ray		Jean	JORDAN						1960
STORCH	Thomas		Anne	YEOMAN						1960
YEOMAN			Margaret	Anne						1960
DAVIS			Hazel							1961
MANNION			Virginia	CHANNEL						1961
WINALL			Jessie							1961
CALDWELL	Thomas	A	Louise	TURNER						1962
HALL	William	B	Coraless Mae	ROWLAND						1962
HOGGE	Donald		Sharon Lynne	WARD LENZ						1962
HOOVER			Martha	Louise						1962
HOOVER			Louise	Elaine						1962
MILLER, Sr	C	C	Audrey	SLEDD						1962
ROSE			Deborah	Jane						1962
ROWLAND			Joyce	Marie						1962
WARREN	Challis		Joyce	ROWLAND						1962
WILSON	Herbert		Betty Jean	ROWLAND						1962
ABBOTT			Louise	N				6	20	1963
ROACH	Van		Cynthia Jeanet	THOMAS						1963
FOOTE			Aileen	C				6	21	1964
FOOTE			Carol	Anne				6	21	1964
FOOTE			Barbara	Jean				6	21	1964
BOGARD			Marshia					6	27	1965
GRAY			Edna	P				11	14	1965
MOORE	Luther	J	Janet	BOGARD				6	27	1965
WHITLEY	Garland	M	Robin Bilinda	EDWARDS				4	18	1965
HANN			Betty	Ann				1	10	1966
MCMAHAN			Suzanne					8	21	1966
TURNER	Raymond		Linda	ACRES				11	13	1966

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WALLS			Darby Sue	DILLEY				11	27	1966
AINSLie			Susan	CHAPMAN				3	19	1967
GOOD			Terry					1	29	1967
HINES			Gayle					10	22	1967
HOGUE	Clayton		Francine	HARRIS				10	22	1967
SAUNDERS	Joseph	M	Mary Nancy	TURNER				3	19	1967
TODD			Mrs. H	E				5	28	1967
WHITLEY	Jimmy		Francis	HARRIS				10	22	1967
COSGROVE	John		Sue Ann	CULPEPPER				2	16	1969
HOLLODAY	Jack		Mary	G.H. DUFF				11	23	1969
LITTLE	Ronald	W	Lois	ROWLAND				2	16	1969
MURPHY			Brenda	Faye				2	16	1969
PRICHETT	Vincent	L	Mrs					12	7	1969
ANDREWS			Ann					8	23	1970
ANDREWS			Jennifer	Lee				10	11	1970
AUSTIN			Ann	Lynn				3	22	1970
AVERY	Joseph		Ann Douglas	SAUNDERS				3	22	1970
BEAL	Richard	G	Theresa	SPADY						1970
BULLES			Clara					3		1970
CALDWELL			Kim					3	22	1970
GRIFFIN	Clay		Cheryl	HOLDSWORTH				3	22	1970
JONES			Tracey	Lee				6	14	1970
NELMS	Kelly		Tracy	Janes				6	14	1970
BROOKS	Edwin		Karen					12	5	1971
GOODRICH			Belva					9	19	1971
HUBBLE			Kathy					1	17	1971
HUBBLE			Allison					1	17	1971
MAJOR	Ben	E	Laura	TAYLOR				5	9	1971
SAUNDERS			Drusilla					6	20	1971
EDWARDS			Vicky					3	26	1972
GARRETT	Ed		Marion					7	30	1972
MCLENNY	Mac	R	Susan	HINES				3	26	1972
BARNETTE			Tammy					4	15	1973
BROWN	Robert	S	Dolly					7	15	1973
DUCHARME	Richard	J	Sheri	WOOD				4	15	1973
HUNDLEY			Collette	JONES				12	9	1973
MILLER			Deborah					9	16	1973
SCHUPNER	Ronald		Collett	HUNDLEY						1973
SLAVIN	Charles		Lillian					3	25	1973
THACKER	John	C	Mrs.					8	26	1973
WILLIAMS	Bernard		Mary	Ellen				12	9	1973
WOOD			Sheri	BULIFANT				4	15	1973
ADAMS			Judy					4	7	1974
DAVIS	John		Becky					4	7	1974
HANN, Jr.	Kimber	L	Rebecca					3	31	1974
HIBBARD			Helen	Vivian				4	7	1974
JONES	Vernon		Katherine Ann	PRICE				4	7	1974
NOTTINGHAM			Beverley	Nelson				4	7	1974
ROBERTS	Henderson		Linda					7	7	1974
SILLS	Linwood		Edna							1974
WILLIAMS			Cheryl	Ann				4	7	1974
BARNETT			Cindy					3	23	1975
BOONE	Donald	L	Denise	DUNN				4	23	1975

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CUNDIFF	Robert		Christine					1	19	1975
DANIELS	Edward		Jean					4	30	1975
PATRICK	John		Mary					4	11	1975
RICKS	Charles	W	Doris					2	23	1975
ERADY			Carol	Ann				9	19	1976
CROWLEY			Emma					11	21	1976
DUNN			Sharon	Ann				4	11	1976
EALY	Roger		Brenda					4	18	1976
GUNDRY			Patricia Ann	ORR ECHOLS				11	21	1976
OWEN			Susan	Elizabeth				4	11	1976
POWELL			Stephanie	Rose				4	11	1976
HALL			Michelle					4		1977
MESSICK			Leslie					4		1977
PORTER			Sheila Jean	BRADSHAW				3	30	1977
TETTERTON			Mildred					6	14	1977
TOMFERT			Beth	Ann				4		1977
BEGOR			Jean					4	2	1978
BEGOR			Nancy					4	2	1978
CROWE	Carl		Dorothy							1978
CROWE			Dorothy	G				6	25	1978
DUFF			Annah	YOUNG				12	15	1978
KEITZ			Bessie	CHANNELL				12		1978
TURNER			Christian	Suzanne				12	15	1978
DELAMORTON			Marcheta					3	18	1979
GWALTNEY			Patricia	HOOKER				8	5	1979
LEONARD	Preston		Cynthia	BABB				9	9	1979
SPEIRS			Laura	Lea				4	8	1979
THREATT			Pattie	Renee				4	8	1979
EDWARDS			Jackie	Elizabeth				9	21	1980
FAULKNER			Arneta	Michelle				4	27	1980
GILLESPIE			Suzanne	Evelyn				4	27	1980
GWALTNEY	Dennis		Lucy	ROWLAND						1980
MONK			Elizabeth					4	20	1980
OWEN			Bessie							1980
FORREN			Nellie	Marie				9	20	1981
JONES			Ruth	Elizabeth				4	26	1981
JONES			Susan	Martin				4	26	1981
LANGDON			Margaret	CHAPMAN				9	20	1981
LUNING	Alfred		Ruth	S				4	26	1981
MINTON			Connie	Sue				4	26	1981
OWEN			Alice	Leigh				4	26	1981
WELLS			Brenda	DUNNING						1981
CHENAULT	James		Elsie	M				6	20	1982
EDWARDS			Ann	Elizabeth				4	4	1982
EDWARDS			Kelly	Shawn				4	4	1982
GILLESPIE			Catharine	Paige				4	4	1982
GNIESKI			Shelly	Lee				4	4	1982
SMOOT			Helen	R				1	3	1982
WILLIAMS			Carla	Irene				4	4	1982
CHRISMAN	William	T	Deborah	Lynn				6	12	1983
FLATTUM			Lara	Lynn				11	13	1983
JONES			Edna	B				8	7	1983
MONTNEY			Julia	Ann				12	25	1983

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PRUDEN	David		Deborah	MINGA				11	20	1983
RICHTER			Heather	Christen				7	31	1983
SCHUPNER			Tara	Kristen				7	3	1983
STALTER			Pauline					12	25	1983
STATLER			Pauline	B				12	25	1983
BRADY			Regina	Louise				4	15	1984
BRILEY			Heather	Lee				4	15	1984
EALY			Beverly					4	15	1984
EDWARDS			Sandra	Lynn				10	21	1984
FAULKNER			Shelley	Jane				4	15	1984
GILLESPIE			Cara	Maudine				4	15	1984
JONES			Francis	HOLLOWAY				4	15	1984
MORRIS			Melanie					3	25	1984
SAUNDERS			Michelle	Ann				4	15	1984
SPEIRS			Katherine	Mary				4	15	1984
TURNER			Mary	Randolph				4	15	1984
AMON	William		Barbara					7	28	1985
BALSOM			Julie					7	28	1985
BOYERS	Ronald		Tonya	HORHUTZ				9	8	1985
GLISSON			Mary	C				2	23	1986
JOHNSON			Michelle	Leigh				4	13	1986
LYONS			Linda	Ann				4	13	1986
TAYLOR			Danielle	Marie				4	13	1986
ASHBY	James	A	Josephine	V			1869	10	31	1886
MATTHEWS	James	C					1872			
HART	N	L	Nannie	A	9	12	1875			
DAVIS	James	S			8	25	1878			
DAVIS, Jr.	James T				9	1	1878			
JORDAN	Charles	S			9	1	1878			
ALSTON	John	B	Annie	C	8	25	1878	8	25	1874
CHAPMAN	Ada	G	Sallie	A	8	31	1883			
BRANCH	James	M	Mary	James	8	31	1883	9	1	1878
BATTEN	Ernest	L	Otelia	DAVIS	8	31	1883	8	30	1896
FULGHAN	William	E			8	23	1885			
PURDIE	T	K			10	11	1885			
BUNKLEY	Frank	S			8	25	1887			
POWELL	Frank	M			10	9	1887			
MINTON	M.	R			8		1888			1937
HALL	Herbert	C			8		1889			
ASHBY	James	C			8		1891			
PORTER	William	H					1891			
MATTHEWS	John	F			8		1892			
BUNKLEY	George						1894			
MILBY	George	W			10		1895			
YEOMAN	Benjamin				9	13	1896			
HEATH	E.	J	Sarah	GODWIN	9	2	1896	8		1874
CHAPMAN	John	W			9	12	1897			
HODSDEN	Robert	F			8	21	1898			
JOHNSON	William	D			3	27	1898			
DAVIS	Charles	E			8	20	1899			
DAVIS	William	F			8	20	1899			
DAVIS	Capt. James				8	20	1899			
YEOMAN	Harry				9	17	1899			

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JOHNSON	Ernest	W			10	7	1900			
BRANCH	John				9	7	1902			
WHITLEY	Steven	A			10	26	1902			
YEOMAN	Rolf	W			8	18	1902			
BATTEN	Joseph	M					1903			
BATTEN	E	T			8		1905			
CUTCHINS	Rob	L			8		1905			
EVERETT	W	B			8		1905			
HOULDRON	J	H			8		1905			
JOHNSON	Robert	W			8		1905			
JOHNSON	William	A			8		1905			
MILBY	F	M			8		1905			
SPADY	John	W			8		1905			
YEOMAN	Will	G			8		1905			
DAVIS	Eddie	N			9	6	1908			
TURNER	C	A			2	23	1908			
BASSETT	Lennie	O			8	19	1909			
BASSETT	Lewellyn				8	19	1909			
BRINKLEY	William	M			8	19	1909			
CHANNELL	George	F			8	13	1909			
DAVIS	Herman	H			8	15	1909			
EVERETT	George	W			8	13	1909			
EVERETT	John	W			8	13	1909			
HOLLOWAY	E	E			8	13	1909			
HOLLOWAY, Jr	Elmore	E			8	13	1909			
NORSWORTHY	Talmage	D			5	16	1909			
PAYLOR	Earle	W			8	15	1909			
WHITE	George	D			9	6	1909			
CHANNELL	A	O	Bessie	E	8	13	1909			1905
JOHNSON	Claudius	E	Ida	V	8	13	1909	8	13	1909
WISHART	Frank	T	Nancy	B	8	13	1909			1934
BRINKLEY	Chester				8	19	1910			
EDWARDS	S	W			8	19	1910			
GARNER	Frank	L			8	19	1910			
HOWELL	James	C			8	19	1910			
LANE	Fletcher	B	Damon	E	8	19	1910	8	19	1910
POWELL	Rudolph	O	Susan	Ruth	8	19	1910	8	19	1910
TURNER	William	R	Ivy	R	8	19	1910	8	19	1910
JOHNSON	Dana	L			4	12	1911			
LANE	John	N			8	18	1911			
LARMAR	Will	V			8	18	1911			
REYNOLDS	George	P			8	18	1911			
TURNER	Clarence	A			8	21	1911			
MCCOY	Johnon	J	Winton	LEE	8	18	1911	8	18	1911
BARLOW	B	F			9	1	1912			
DANIEL	James	A			5	5	1912			
NORSWORTHY,	Willie	R			8	18	1912			
POWELL	Bennie	L			0	18	1912			
ROLLINS	Willie	K			8	18	1912			
UNDERWOOD	Joe	T			8	18	1912			
GARDNER	James	H			8	5	1913			
JORDAN	Charlie	D			8	15	1913			
EDWARDS	Philip	F			8	14	1914			

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surname	male first	m	female first	middle	mon	day	year	mon	day	year
JORDAN	Willie	A			8	14	1914			
POWELL	E	C					1914			
TURNER	Jack	A	Elizabeth	Mary	8	30	1914	8	30	1914
EDWARDS	Phillip	R	Elizabeth	B	8	14	1914	4	9	1944
CUTCHINS	Otis	F					1915			
LATIMER	Frank	M					1915			
LUFSEY	W	T					1915			
ROLLINS	Jack	L					1915			
UNDERWOOD	Horace	L					1915			
LATIMER	Linwood	M	Nancy	B			1915			1915
SPIERS	W	F	Annie	L			1915			1915
PARKER	Reynolds		Madeline	R			1915			1924
ASHBY	Wallace	M					1916			
BLACKWELL	Robert	G					1916			
BRADSHAW	T	W					1916			
CROWLEY	M	T					1916			
DUELL	Oscar	W					1916			
DUELL	Elvin	M					1916			
FULGHAM	Allie						1916			
POWELL	Joe	H					1916			
REED	Willie	H					1916			
REID	Willie	E					1916			
ROLLINS	Robert	L					1916			
ASHBY	George	C					1916			1915
REED	James	L	Essie	M			1916			1916
EDWARDS	Ryland		Catherine	YEOMAN			1916			1922
LARMER	W	B					1917			1917
POWELL	Claiborne	F					1918			
POWELL	Vandruff	R					1918			
GILLIAM	L	W	Mary	B			1918			1918
TURNER	James	E	Mamie	GILLIAM			1918			1930
JORDAN	Randolph	A	Ruby				1918			1932
DRIVER	Willis	T			8	13	1920			
JOHNSON, Jr.	William	A			8	13	1920			
KIDD	William	D			8	13	1920			
LUFSEY	Jessie	T					1920			
MCCOY	Walter	B					1920			
DRIVER	Richard	M	Lucy	HOWELL	8	13	1920	2	24	1932
HAYNES	Paul	H	Mrs.		8	13	1920			1943
DRIVER	William	B					1921			
GILLIAM	Quincey	B					1921			
LARMER	William	V					1921			
POWELL	Thomas						1921			
POWELL	Walter						1921			
NORSWORTHY	Francis	N	Mary	Louise			1921			1922
ADAMS	Cecil	M					1922			
BRANCH	Samuel	L					1922			
BRANCH	John						1922			
BRANCH	Walter	H					1922			
BRANCH	Wilmer	M					1922			
JOHNSON	Albert						1922			
MINTON, Jr.	M	R					1922			
SPADY	Amos	A					1922			

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STRINGFIELD	Percy	W					1922				
ASHBY	Ryland		Grace				1922			1936	
MINTON, III	Mills	R	Wittie	DONOHOE			1922			1937	
CHAPMAN	James				9	8	1923				
STRINGFIELD	Marshall						1923				
DELK	Gordon	K					1924				I
DELK	Edgar	W					1924				
LATIMER	Arthur	L.					1926				I
PINNER	George	M					1927				S
SHENTON	Marion	B					1927				E
WINALL	Leslie	E					1927				J
BUNKLEY	W	G	Mamie	G			1927			1927	J
WINALL	Leslie	L	Mary	Sue			1927			1927	P
REID	William	L	Carolyn	WEAVER			1927			1945	T
GALLOWAY	William	A					1929				C
NORSWORTHY	William	R					1929				G
OWEN	John						1929				H
YEOMAN	Wilson	B					1929				J
YEOMAN	George						1929				T
FOWLER	Benjamin	H					1930				W
HARRELL	Jeddie	J					1930				DE
ADAMS, Jr.	William	P					1930			1930	G
EWING	D	W					1931				GW
JORDAN	Samuel	P					1931				WA
BERRYMAN	Frank	G	Ola	CHANNELL	11	15	1931	11	15	1931	PO
HARRELL	Eddie						1932				BA
MILBY, Jr.	F	M					1932				WI
NELMS	Eugene						1932				OWE
UNDERWOOD	Horace	L			7	24	1932				SP
FARMER	Robert	H					1933				OWE
WINALL	Alvin	O					1933				DA
ELEY	Leslie						1936				CRU
HUNTER	Sam		Anne	PARKER			1936				DO
LASTER	Harvey						1936				DRI
LOOTER	Urquhart						1936				DRI
BIRDS	Thomas	H	Evelyn				1936			1936	LAT
ELEY	Dr. L	L	Laura				1936			1936	BLA
FROST	Jack		Genevieve	TURNER	8		1936			1936	EDW
CRUMPLER	Joseph						1939				NOTT
LITTLE	Royall	P			5	28	1939				TUR
WINALL	Jesse	R					1939				BRY
CLARK	Letcher	C	Lois	TURNER			1940			1922	CAH
WARD	Ercel		Juanita	Elizabeth			1940			1943	SPAD
TOMLIN	Ashby				11	8	1942				DRIV
DOGGETT	Glenn		Carrie	WATKINS	9	13	1942	9	13	1942	EDWA
HARRELL	J	L	Mrs.		10	24	1942	10	17	1942	HOLD
JOHNSTON	Russell				6	20	1943				EDWA
JORDAN, Jr.	Randolph				6	20	1943				MILLE
HAYNES, Jr.	Paul	J	Lucille				1943			1943	CHAP
JOHNSTON	Rea		Jeanette	TURNER	6	20	1943			1948	NORSW
TURNER, Jr.	William	R	Nancy	DOGGETT			1943			1952	MILLE
HOLDSWORTH	Edward	R	Betty		7		1943	2		1954	SPADY
BOND	Stanley	C					1944				DASHI

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	CHAPMAN	Perry						1944			
	HOLLOWAY, Jr	Edwin	E	Kate				1944			1924
1936	CROPPER	Warren	R	Frances		11		1944	11		1944
1937	BOND	John	J	Lois		9		1944	4		1953
	GOODRICH, Jr	Robert	A			4	1	1945			
	MOORE	Carter	A			9		1945			
	YOYNER	Sebraska				9		1945			
	NOTTINGHAM,	Page	P	Jane				1945			1925
	SAUNDERS	V	A	Evelyn	TIMBERLAKE	8		1945	8		1945
	BOND	E	A			9		1946			
	JAMERSON	Richard						1946			
	JOYNER	Eldredge						1946			
1927	POWELL	Jack				4		1946			
1927	TURNER	Jones		Betty				1946			1940
1945	CHAPMAN	Perry		Helen		9		1946	9		1946
	GILLIAM	Barbee	A	Mary		4		1946			1946
	HOUGE	Bennett	J	Anila				1946			1946
	JOYNER	C	S	Mrs		4		1946	4		1946
	TAYLOR, Jr.	Robert	P	Tommye	DEAN	9		1947	9		1947
	WARD	Willam	T			10		1948			
	DEWS	J	W	Mrs		11	8	1948	11	8	1948
	GALE	O	C	Mrs.		10		1948	10		1948
1930	GWALTNEY	Alton	H	Mrs		10		1948	10		1948
	WARD	Joel	B	Maxine				1948			1959
	POWELL	Julius	L	Nellie	BROCK	10		1948	3	16	1980
1931	BATTEN	Frank		Mrs.		4	15	1949	4	15	1949
	WIGGINS, Jr.	Fred	R	Geradine	TURNER			1950			
	OWEN	T	W	Bessie		3	8	1950	3	8	1950
	SPADY	Roland	L	Jean	LATIMER			1950			1950
	OWEN	Wavely	B	Nell	CROCKER			1950			1958
	DAVIS	C	S	Maxine				1950			1960
	CRUMPLER	Swanson	R	Della				1953			
	DOGGETT	Leslie		Patsy				1953			
	DRIVER	William	T					1953			
	DRIVER	Frank						1953			
	LATIMER	Edward						1953			
1936	BLACKWELL	W	S	Mrs.				1953			1953
1936	EDWARDS, Jr.	Philip	F	Connie	ACORD			1953			1960
1936	NOTTINGHAM,	Peyton	P	Joanne	JOHNSON			1953			1963
	TURNER	Richard	L	Edna Brooks	SAUNDERS			1953	5	24	1964
	BRYANT	James				4		1954			
	CAHOON	Edward				1		1954			
1922	SPADY	Douglas		Wilma	Becky			1954			
1943	DRIVER	Frank		Henerietta		10		1954	10		1954
	EDWARDS	William	J	Viola		2		1954	2		1954
3 1942	HOLDSWORTH	Robert	E	Virginia		2		1954	2		1954
7 1942	EDWARDS	John	B	Anne RYNN	TOMLIN			1955			1954
	MILLER, Sr.	Clarence	C	Audrey	SLEDD			1955			1962
	CHAPMAN, Jr.	Lewis	L	Jeanette				1956			
1943	NORSWORTHY,	Francis	P	Rebecca	Louise			1956	10	30	1966
1948	MILLER, Jr.	Clarence	C	Madeline				1957			1957
1952	SPADY	Bruce	R	Eleanor				1957			1957
1954	DASHIELL	Fisher		Elizabeth				1958			

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EUBANK, Sr.	Palmer	W	Elizabeth	WILSON			1958			1958	ED
HOLLOWELL	Raymond		Agnes	MARTIN			1958			1958	GO
SPADY	Bernard	L	Deborah	THACKER			1958	2	11	1973	HI
WEST	James	W	Mary	Helen			1959			1959	MA
ASHBY, Jr.	Ryland	W					1960				JO
BRAYSHAW	William	D					1960				CU
EUBANK, Jr.	Palmer	W	Marylin				1960				FU
FROST	James	B	Kathy				1960				HO
PRICE	Charles	K					1960				HI
ROWLAND	James	L					1960				MA
TAYLOR, III	Robert	P	Angi	JOYNER			1960			1950	BA
AUSTIN	Fred	H	Ann	DAVIS			1960			1959	WI
HANN	Kimber	L	Leta				1960			1960	AN
WELLS	Raleigh		Nancy	TAYLOR			1960			1970	MO
SPADY	Dennis		Teresa				1960				AN
BARLOW	A	C					1961				JO
HONEYCUTT	David						1961				LA
HONEYCUTT	Jessie	B	Cathy	ASHBY			1961			1961	JO
CABANISS	W	W	Dot				1961			1961	BR
DUFF	Cornelius		Annie Lee	YOUNG			1961				BR
CHAPMAN, III	Lewis	L					1962				CA
HOOVER	Ronald	W					1962				CA
CALDWELL	Thomas		Louise	T			1962			1946	CA
ROWLAND	James	E	Katherine	P			1962			1962	HU
WARD	J	C	Jo				1962			1962	JO
SPADY	Richard	D	Sue	SCOTT			1962	2	11	1973	MA
SPADY	Bruce	W	Darlene				1962	3	17	1974	SI
ABBOTT	Franklin	T			6	20	1963				TU
ABBOTT			Viola	Anne	6	20	1963				CR
ROLLING	Chester				10	27	1963				CU
THOMAS, III	Roy	V					1963				DU
SYKES	D	B	Barbara				1963			1963	HO
HUNTER	Samuel		Anne	TOMLIN	2	2	1964				MA
THOMAS, Jr.	Roy	V	Bernice		11	7	1964			1963	GI
BOGARD	Don				6	27	1965				LO
BOGARD	Bryce		Mrs.		6	27	1965	6	27	1965	MADL
PIERCE	James		Mrs.		2	14	1965	2	14	1965	CUN
TURNER, III	James	E			4	10	1966				BRA
CROOK, Jr.	Henry	W	Beulah(Dolly)	MURPHY	6	16	1966			1950	CUN
AINSLIE	John	W	Jeanne		11	20	1966	11	20	1966	NOTT
ARCHER	Nash		Leota		11	13	1966	11	13	1966	POOL
DAVIS	Osborne		Serina		8	21	1966	8	21	1966	BAR
DILLEY	Howard		Dorothy		11	27	1966	11	27	1966	BRA
EDWARDS, Jr.	Ryland	B	Mary Ann		8	14	1966	8	14	1966	CHIP
DILLEY	Erick	C	Karen		3	19	1967				DEG
DILLEY	Wesley	E	Kathy		3	19	1967				DUB
GOOD, Jr.	Allie	L	Tanya		1	29	1967				HALL
HARRIS	W	F			10	22	1967				HUNT
MCMAHAN	Steven	P			3	19	1967				HUSK
TURNER, III	William	R			3	19	1967				MESS
WATKINS	Cecil				5	14	1967				NEAL
JONES	W	M	Hunter HOLLOWA	PRICE	1	15	1967			1946	SNYD
ADAMS	Robert		Joan		10	22	1967	10	22	1967	TINS

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	1958	EDWARDS	William	N	Ann	CRUMPLER	1	22	1967	1	22	1967
	1958	GOOD, Sr	Allie	L	Mrs.		1	29	1967	1	29	1967
	1973	HINES, Sr.	G.	M	Ann	HACKNEY	10	22	1967	10	22	1967
	1959	MARTIN	Bobby	R	Shirley		9	17	1967	9	17	1967
		JORDAN, III	Randolph		Janet		3	19	1967	12	22	1974
		CULPEPPER	Robert		Cecelia	TETTERTON	3	3	1968			1962
		FULLER	Cecil	H	Alice	WILLIAMS	6	2	1968	6	2	1968
		HONEYCUTT, J	David	A	Patricia	RUDER	6	9	1968	6	9	1968
		HINES, Jr.	G.	M	Donna		2	16	1969			
		MARTIN	Michael	R			2	16	1969			
		BASNIGHT	John		Mildred		2	16	1969	2	16	1969
	1950	WILSON	James	G	Margie		11	23	1969	11	23	1969
	1959	ANDREWS	Marty				8	23	1970			
	1960	MONTGOMERY	David				11	8	1970			
	1970	ANDREWS	Michael		Judith		7	26	1970	7	26	1970
		JONES	John	Y	Sue		2		1970	2		1970
		LAMBERT	Hall		Jeanette				1970			1970
		JORDAN	Lee		Pamela	MINGA	3	22	1970	12	18	1983
	1961	BROOKS	Gregory				12	5	1971			
	1961	BROOKS, Jr.	Edwin				12	5	1971			
		CASTLEBERRY	Jay				12	5	1971			
		CASTLEBERRY	Craig	L			12	5	1971			
	1946	CASTLEBERRY	Jesse	B	Nell		12	5	1971	12	5	1971
	1962	HUBBLE	Garland		Barbara		1	17	1971	1	17	1971
	1962	JONES	Walter		Linda		4	18	1971	4	18	1971
	1973	MARTIN	Wayne		JoEllen		12	12	1971	12	12	1971
'	1974	SILVERS	Ronald		Sandra		10	24	1971	10	24	1971
		TURNER	Steven	L	Cynthia		5	9	1971	12	11	1983
		CROOK, III	Henry	W	Gloria		3	26	1972			
		CURTIS	Donald		Jo		6	25	1972			
		DUFF	Herbert				3	26	1972			
	1963	HOLDSWORTH,	Edward	R	Sharon	CARTER	3	26	1972			
		MADURES	James	W			6	18	1972			
	1963	GILLESPIE	Ernest		Sibyl	DOGGETT	10	29	1972			1953
		LOVELL	Lee		Elizabeth Ann	GILLIAM	1	2	1972			1963
7	1965	MADURES	James		Carol		6	18	1972	6	18	1972
4	1965	CUNDIFF	Mark	W	Susan	J	3	26	1972	10	28	1979
		BRASWELL	Phillip				1	21	1973			
	1950	CUNDIFF	Dennis	C			4	15	1973			
20	1966	NOTTINGHAM,	Peyton				4	15	1973			
13	1966	POOLE	Talmage				4	7	1973			
21	1966	BARNETTE	Martin	F	Joan		5	6	1973	5	6	1973
27	1966	BRASWELL	George	T	Audrey		1	21	1973	1	21	1973
14	1966	CHIPLEY, III	Hunter	D	Elaine		4	29	1973	4	29	1973
		DEGROFT	Herbert	W	Mary	Ellen	3	4	1973	3	4	1973
		DUBAY	Theodore	E	Paula	WILSON	12	9	1973	12	9	1973
		HALL	Robert	E	Barbara		9	8	1973	9	8	1973
		HUNTER, III	Wesley		Lois		11	4	1973	11	4	1973
		HUSKEY	Ralph		Ann		12	30	1973	12	30	1973
		MESSICK	Wayne	C	Felica		9	8	1973	9	8	1973
		NEAL	John	C	Nancy		10	20	1973	10	20	1973
	1946	SNYDER	Nick		Dorothy		3	25	1973	3	25	1973
22	1967	TINSLIE	Spencer		Susan		11	11	1973	11	11	1973

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WARE	James	M	Terri		11	24	1973	11	24	1973
WILLIAMS	T	C	Connie		4	29	1973	4	29	1973
WOOD	Ballard		Joanne		3	4	1973	3	4	1973
MILLER	Harry	L	Peggy	Charleen	9	16	1973	7	17	1978
JACKSON	Laughton				4	7	1974			
SPADY	Ramos	R	Wilma		3	17	1974			
TURNER	Frank	A			4	7	1974			
ACREE	James	F	Shirley	B	9	29	1974	9	29	1974
BERRYMAN	Ronald		Dot		6	2	1974	6	2	1974
BRAGG, Sr.	James	D	Sandra	WILLIAMS	6	16	1974	6	16	1974
COLLINS	Wade		Sue		12	1	1974	12	1	1974
DIX	Gordon		Mary		11	10	1974	11	10	1974
HITE	Frank		Mary		6	2	1974	6	2	1974
KRAMER	Victor		Sue		7		1974	7		1974
MONTNEY	Clifford		Ann	JENNINGS	2	10	1974	2	10	1974
MORRIS	John		Donna		12	1	1974	12	1	1974
PAULEY	James		Carol				1974			1974
RUGGLES	Russell		Kitty		7		1974	7		1974
SAUNDERS	Gordon		Brenda		9	8	1974	9	8	1974
TOMPERT	Robert		Goldie		2	24	1974	2	24	1974
WALLS	Danny		Judy		8	25	1974	8	25	1974
JOHNSON	Donnie	L			8		1975			
SPADY, Jr.	Bruce	W			12	7	1975			
WOOD	Robert	A			3	23	1975			
VASSEY	Frank		Christy		10		1975	12	15	1974
BEESUCKER	Ken		Liz		12	21	1975	12	21	1975
BRADSHAW	James	C	Rita		7	27	1975	7	27	1975
BUTLER, Sr.	Herbert	M	Mary		1	19	1975	1	19	1975
DAVIS	James	H	Patricia		11	2	1975	11	2	1975
DAVIS	Lawrence	W	Joan		9		1975	9		1975
ELKINS	Stephen		Bertha		8		1975	8		1975
GARNETT	Blair		Alice		2	23	1975	2	23	1975
JOHNSON, Jr.	William	E	Sandra		4	25	1975	4	25	1975
LODEN	Carl		Daisy		9		1975	9		1975
MCKINNEY	Ray	H	Elizabeth		4	11	1975	4	11	1975
POWELL	William	R	Shirley		11	16	1975	11	16	1975
RICHTER	Henry	C	Mary	Jane	3	16	1975	3	16	1975
THREATT, III	John	H	Elizabeth		11	5	1975	11	5	1975
WAGNER	Bruce		Jane		4	20	1975	4	20	1975
BRADSHAW	William	T			4	11	1976			
DAVIS	Victor	K	Sandra		4	11	1976			
LANGLEY	Larry		Barbara		3	28	1976			
POWELL, Jr.	William	R			4	11	1976			
RICHTER, Jr	Henry	C	Connie		4	11	1976			
WOOD	Michael	R			4	11	1976			
AYCOCK, III	Clyde	J	Arylane		11	30	1976	11	30	1976
BAUCOM	Tyndall	L	Dwala		8	3	1976	8	3	1976
BRADY	William	A	Emma	Jean	9	19	1976	9	19	1976
BRITT	John	R	Virginia	FELTS	12	19	1976	12	19	1976
CLARK	Robert	B	Rachael		2	8	1976	2	8	1976
DUNN	Craig		Sue		3	14	1976	3	14	1976
EARLEY	Lester	W	Linda		12	12	1976	12	12	1976
GILREATH	Scott	C	Maggie		11	28	1976	11	28	1976

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	1973	JOHNSON, III	David	L	Nancy		12		1976	12		1976
	1973	NEAL	Patrick	L	Cynthia	Renee	4	11	1976	4	11	1976
	1973	SNOW	Gleason		Martha		4	25	1976	4	25	1976
	1978	SPEIRS	John		Karen		3	21	1976	3	21	1976
		WILSON	James	T	Mildred		1	25	1976	1	25	1976
		BRADY, Jr.	William	A	Victoria	BRABANT	9	19	1976	3	16	1986
		APPLINGS	Ed				6	19	1977			
	1974	BARNETT	Tommy				4		1977			
	1974	DAVIS	Jeffery				4		1977			
	1974	DEGROFT	Aaron				4		1977			
	1974	ECHOLS	Marvin		Rita		7		1977	7	197	
	1974	ECHOLS	Alan		Elizabeth		7		1977			
	1974	THOMAS	William	R			4		1977			
	1974	WALLS	Daryl	T					1977			
	1974	BEALE	Aubrey		Ann Bernice	THOMAS			1977			1963
	1974	HANCOCK	Glen		Claudia		2	20	1977	2	20	1977
	1974	LENZ	Edward	R	Sharon	COX	2	20	1977	2	20	1977
	1974	OWENS	Denver		Sandy		2	20	1977	2	20	1977
	1974	TREIER	John		Barbara		6	7	1977	6	7	1977
	1974	VARNER	Clinton	L	June		4		1977	4		1977
	1974	WOLEBEN	John		Ann Page	BOUCKART	1		1977	1		1977
		ANDREWS	Michael	D			12	15	1978			
		BOULEWARE	George		Joanna		12		1978			
		GNIESKI	Leland	J			12	15	1978			
	1974	HUNTER	David	P			12	15	1978			
	1975	MORRIS	Robert				3	23	1978			
	1975	RICHTER	Kenneth	E			12	15	1978			
	1975	SPEIRS	Scott				3	23	1978			
	1975	TURNER	Frank	L			4	2	1978			
	1975	BEGOR, Jr.	Robert	S	Jean		4	2	1978	4	2	1978
	1975	FAULKNER	David		Jane		7	17	1978	7	17	1978
3	1975	GALLIMORE	Paul		Frances		11	26	1978	11	26	1978
5	1975	GNIESKI	Joseph	S	Peggy		8	27	1978	8	27	1978
	1975	REESE	Robert	E	Mollie	CLARK	12		1978	12		1978
1	1975	WARE	Edgar		Katherine		8	27	1978	8	27	1978
6	1975	STEFFEY	Bruce	K	Linda Ann	LYONS	4	2	1978	12	11	1983
6	1975	SYNDER	Brian	C			1	28	1979			
	1975	BALLARD	David	L			4	8	1979			
20	1975	GWALTNEY	Charles	B	Sue	ASWELL	8	5	1979			
		HALL	Robert	C			4	22	1979			
		BOYD	Robert	L	Eleanor	B	7	1	1979	7	1	1979
		DOLAND	Michael	C	Linda	Gary	1	8	1979	1	8	1979
		GRAY	Thomas		Jessamine	P	4	8	1979	4	8	1979
		LONG	Emerson	L	Dorothy	THOMAS	1	28	1979	1	28	1979
		WARD	Tracy	L	Billie	Ann	10	28	1979	10	28	1979
30	1976	WILLIAMS	Edward	O	Susan	Girton	1	28	1979	1	28	1979
3	1976	WINSLOW	George	C	Judith	SMITH	12	9	1979	12	9	1979
19	1976	ASBELL	Timothy	R	Robin	THACKER	7	6	1980			
19	1976	BRAGG, Jr.	James	D			9	21	1980			
8	1976	CALDWELL	David	T			4	27	1980			
14	1976	DAVIS	Gregory	A			4	27	1980			
12	1976	POWELL, Jr.	Julius	L			7	5	1980			
28	1976	SMITH	Paul	E			4	27	1980			

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BAUCOM	Billy	J	Katherine	SEDIVY	9	4	1980	9	4	1980
BRILEY	Vernon	A	Mary	Francis	5	18	1980	5	18	1980
LOONEY, III	William	R	Marilyn	ADKINS	5	18	1980	5	18	1980
MUNK	Robert	L	Linda L	JEFFCOAT	3	16	1980	3	16	1980
SMITH, Jr.	Jesse	E	Pamela	WELLER	5	18	1980	4	27	1980
ABERNATHY	Keith	A	Constance	POST	3	15	1981			
PATRICK, Jr.	John	W			4	26	1981			
ANDREWS	Gerald		Beatrice Ann	EDWARDS	8		1981	4	18	1965
EDWARDS	Thomas	C	Betty	W	9	6	1981	9	6	1981
EPPS	Archerbold	J	Debra	Lee	3	15	1981	3	15	1981
GOODRICH	Cecil	H	Mildred	G	9	6	1981	9	6	1981
MARTIN	Charles	T	Linda	SHELL	1	11	1981	1	11	1981
MINTON	Rubert	E	Linda	Carroll	1	4	1981	1	4	1981
MOORE	Claiborne	W	Beverly	Ann	5	10	1981	5	10	1981
DEGROFT	Jason	A			4	4	1982			
DUFF	Lee	B			4	4	1982			
SAUNDERS, Jr	Gordon	L			4	4	1982			
WHITLEY	Joseph	G			9	19	1982			
EDMONDS, Jr.	Lewis	H	Dorothy	DRAKE	3	14	1982	3	14	1982
HARNER	Christopher	K	Susan	L	4	4	1982	4	4	1982
SMITH	Godfrey	L	Doris		1	28	1982	1	28	1982
WEGMAN	Otto	H	Betsy		9	5	1982	9	5	1982
WILLIAMS	Kenneth	E	Ruby F	NEWMAN	4	4	1982	4	4	1982
FLATTUM	Stanley				11	13	1983			
FLATTUM	Darryl				11	13	1983			
BEERS	Bruce	R	Deborah		11	20	1983	11	20	1983
FLATTUM, Sr.	Darryl	W	Lynn	STARR	11	13	1983	11	13	1983
HOLLOWELL	Melvin	W	Jimmie	Anne	10	9	1983	10	9	1983
EDWARDS, Jr.	John	B			4	15	1984			
WARE	James	R			4	15	1984			
WARE	Matthew	C			4	15	1984			
WOLEBEN	Christopher	M			4	15	1984			
HOLEIK	Elie	G	Frances	BUNKHOLDEN	1	15	1984	1	15	1984
MORRIS	Henry	L	Judith	TAYLOR	3	25	1984	3	25	1984
TAYLOR	James	W	Kathleen	Marie	8	12	1984	8	12	1984
GARRETTS	James	C	Katherine	B	4	7	1985	4	7	1985
HARRELL	William	A	Jean		5	7	1985	5	7	1985
JOHNSON, IV	David	L			4	13	1986			
LYONS	David	R			4	13	1986			
PATRICK	Christopher	C			4	13	1986			
SNOW	Scott	G			4	13	1986			
TAYLOR	Donald	W			4	13	1986			
WALLS	David	M			4	13	1986			

BATTERY PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

On a warm summer day, a representative group of men from Smithfield Whitehead Grove, and Battery Park, assembled under the shade of a beautiful spreading elm, near the old Todd house, at Battery Park; and there on July 23, 1899, the Battery Park Baptist Church was organized. It is an offspring of the Smithfield Baptist Church, and liberal contributions were made to it from time to time by the citizens of that town, members of the Baptist church. A lot was donated by the Battery Park Improvement Co., and Barrett Brothers sold them another at a very nominal price and the church was begun.

On July 30, 1900, during the pastorate of the Rev. Samuel C. Clopton, with Rev. Dudley, of Norfolk, presiding, the church was dedicated.

The membership was small, being made up of several former members of Whitehead grove, and Smithfield Baptist Churches, together with several families then living at Battery Park, viz. Bloxom, Lowes, Carters, Pierces, Hundleys, etc.

The church is just ready to celebrate its thirtieth birthday but is too young as yet to have a great deal of history to record.

The pastors who have served this church are: Revs. S. E Clopton, Dr. T. S. Dunnaway, Dr. J. H. T. Lawless, (under Dr. Lawless the parsonage was built and the church joined with Whitehead's Grove) J. W. Rawls, Geo. W. Cox, A. W. H Jones, George W. Sawyer and L. F. Paulette. During the latter's ministery it is again united with Smithfield Baptist Church. The clerk and Supt. of Sunday School, J. F. Barlow, Trustees, J. R. Pierce, I. Hundley and O. A. Bloxom The Deacons are: J. R. Pierce, O. A. Bloxom, T. A Winder, J. W. Scott, J. F. Barlow and Robert Whitley.

Smithfield Methodist Cnurch

At the clerk's office, in this county, is the quaint rambling deed to land on which the first Methodist Church in Smithfield stood. It is dated the 3rd day of August, 1812, between Benjamin and Mary Drew and George Benn, Andrew Moody, Isaac Velines, Micajah Bidgood, Samuel P. Jordan and Matthias Jordan, trustees, "for and in consideration of six shillings apiece" to Benjamin Drew and his wife. This was the Methodist Prostestant Church, located on Mason street and now owned and occupied by the colored Methodist Church.

From another record we learn that the first Methodist Church in Smithfield was organized in 1819, with the Rev. Thacker Mead as its first pastor. This must have been the Methodist Episcopal Church, located where the present church now stands. Certain it is, that these two churches existed here until some time after the War Between the States, when the congregation of the former dwindled away and the

The Quaker Church

There was strong opposition to all non-conformists by the zealous churchmen in the early days of our country, and the Quakers came in for their full share of proscription and persecution In Hennings Statute Book I, we find them described as an "unreasonable and turbulant people, who, contrary to the laws, daily gathered assemblies and congregations of people, teaching and publishing lies, miracles, false versions, prophecies and doctrines tending to destroy religious laws, communities and all the bonds of civil society, etc." Captains of the vessels were forbidden to bring a quaker into the colony under a penalty of one hundred pounds sterling. They were prisoned without bail until they left the country not to return again.

The opposition to them seemed to be not so great in this county, and the officers were not harsh in carrying out the laws against them, although some were fined. In 1699, th houses were regular sed. They erected a larg house in what is known " and had a considerable fo few graves may still be fou was once, the old Quak

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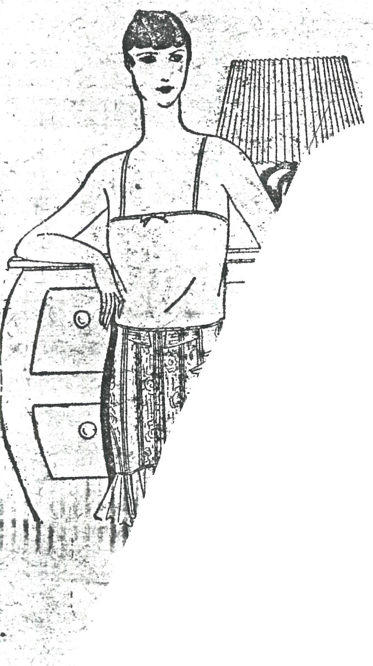

sions the minister having preached an hour and ten minutes, which did not include the hymns and lengthy prayer, a visiting brother arose and stated that he would add a few remarks to the sermon and the congregation sat through another sixty minutes. The Rev. M. F. Langhorne proceeded to "raise the tune" to the hymn, "Let Us Walk In The Light." He sang unassisted through the first stanza and his daughter timidly joined him during the second; but by that time the congregation had familiarized themselves with the music, and it ended with a goodly chorus.

The Methodist Prostestant Church was purchased by the colored Methodists in 1868. The present church is a handsome structure on Mason street, cannot find out when erected. The present pastor is the Rev. T. McN. Simpson, who served the church more than forty years ago, and was returned in 1928.

The stewards are: E. H. Williams, J. P. Cox, J. W. Holloway, K. D. Sykes, D. J. Mood, P. D. Gwaltney, III., D. W. Chapman, J. L. Underwood, L. W. Hearn, R. A. Cox, J. E. Chapman, A. A. Coleman, T. L. Dashields, F. R. Berryman, T. B. Wright.

Colosse Baptist Church

Colosse Baptist Church was founded in 1871 by Rev. John R. Watkins, who was its first pastor. Like so many churches in the county, the records are incomplete, but it appears that it was dedicated in 1872. The land on which it was built, was given by Mr. James Cones and Mr. B. W. Spivey was its first clerk. Rev. J. R. Watkins served as pastor for about twelve years. A list of others who have served in this capacity are: Revs. W. L. Richards, C. W. Duke, D. D., Duncan McLeod, J. T. Bowden, L. R. Christie, D. D., C. P. Ryland, J. L. King, C. M. Billings, A. W. H. Jones and the present pastor, J. Sydney Cobb.

The original building was burned in 1908 and the house was rebuilt of brick, on the same site. The first deacons were: Thomas S. White, Z. A. Spivey and Spencer Carr. The present deacons are: J. W. Babb, J. E. Avis, W. H. Johnson, M. D. Bowden, J. H. Babb

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In the same year, and at the same time our endowment fund was established for the upkeep of the church building, and the surrounding enclosure. The memorial association to function until sufficient funds should accumulate by the Endowment Association, to take care of both church and grounds. Every year on "Pilgrimage Day," usually in May or June, hundreds assemble at the Old Brick Church, now called St. Luke's. A sermon is preached or a historical sketch is given of the early history; the Holy Communion administered, and there under the shade of the trees a bountiful lunch is served by the ladies of the Episcopal Church in Smithfield. In the afternoon the association hold their business session, and the visitors go away in a reverential revery for no one can visit that sacred temple without feeling his heart lifted up in a spiritual exaltation, and experience a nearness to the things unseen, that is not felt any where else.

In 1781, when it was rumored abroad that Tarleton intended to make a raid on Smihtfield and to destroy the records, Mrs. Frances Young, wife of the deputy clerk, in the absence of her husband, who was then in the regiment of Col. J. S. Wills, buried the records in a trunk. When restored to the clerk's office, one of these record books

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The first place of worship, which was the beginning of the Episcopal Church in Virginia at Jamestown, was described by Capt. John Smith thus: "We did hang an awning to three or four trees, to shadow us fr[illegible] he sun; our walls were rails of wo[illegible] seats unhewed trees, til we cut planks; our pulpit a bar of wood nailed to two neighboring trees; in foul weather we shifted into an old rotten tnet."

This was their first church, until by the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Hunt, who came over with them, they "built a homely thing like a barn, set up crotchets, covered with rafts, sedge and earth, so was also the walls." Smith also said, "The best of our houses were of the like curiosity, but for the most part far much worse workmanship, that could neither well defend wind nor rain.".

Morning and evening daily, they had service, and two sermons on Sunday, "and every three months, the holy communion."

Mr. Hunt died not many years after the settlement, and in the absence of a minister they still had daily prayers, and a reading by some competent person.

In 1610, Rev. Bucke came over with the new governor, Lord De la Ware.

The colony weakened by disease, starvation, and many having been killed by the Indians, was in a pitiable condition. The church bell was rung "and such as were able to crawl out of their miserable dwellings, repaired thither to join in the zealous and sorrowful prayer of their faithful minister, who pleaded in that solemn hour for his afflicted bretheren, and himself before the Lord their God."

After the church was repaired it had "fair broad windows, to shut and open." The pulpit and pews were of cedar, the latter "with a front hewn below like a canoe." By the Lord Governor it was kept passing sweet and trimmed up with divers flowers." "Every morning at the ringing of the bell about ten o'clock, each man addressed himself to prayer, and so at four o'clock, before supper."

In March, 1624, an assembly was held whose records have been preserved. It appears that the ministers were allowed "ten pounds of tobacco and a bushel of corn per poll, provided the whole allowance did not exceed fifteen hundred pounds of tobacco and sixteen barrels of corn."

There were strict laws in regard to church duties, not only for the ministers, but for the people.". Whoever absented himself from divine service any Sunday, without an allowable excuse, was fined one pound of tobacco; if he absented himself a month, he was fined fifty pounds. And all had to

oldest inhabitants—and near it a spring, from which tradition says, Pocahontas drank. Of this there is no certainty, but the water is cool and sweet, and doubtless round it gathered those people of the past, those makers of history, to discuss letters from "home," depredations of the Indians, politics, and as one stands there today, almost it seems holy ground.

The church is situated five miles from Smithfield, on the "King's Highway" to Norfolk. It is also five miles from old St. John's Church in Nansemond, and five miles from the James River Bridge.

Joseph Bridger, father of Col. Joseph Bridger of the King's Council for the Colony of Virginia, began the construction in 1632. Col. Joseph Bridger lived on his farm, "White Marsh," about three miles from the church, and was buried there in 1682, the grave being marked with a marble slab. After the restoration of the church which was begun in 1887, his bones with the slab were removed and placed in the church. Mr. Charles E. Davis, then a small boy, and whose father owned the farm gave permission for the removal, was an eye witness to the disinterment and thereby claims a more intimate knowledge of Col. Joseph Bridger, himself, than many.

It is by all accounts the oldest church in America, within its original walls. It has throughout the years, had some kind of roof covering it, being re-shingled in 1737 and again in 1838.

From the war of the Revolution to some time about 1830, it was almost completely abandoned. For a while followers of O'Kelley worshiped there.

Its restoration was begun by the Rev. David Barr, rector of Christ Church in Smithfield in 1887. Before he had completed the work he moved to Washington, D. C., and the duty of finishing the undertaking devolved upon his successor, Rev. F. G. Scott, and the vestry of the church in Smithfield, among whom special mention should be given to Mr. R. S. Thomas. The funds were subscribed to by all sorts and conditions of people, both locally and from other states.

In describing it, one could not wax more eloquent than Col. E. M. Morrison. He writes: "It stands today beautiful within, and without, and filled with memorials to those connected with its own history, and that of the colony. Its stained glass chancel windows, eighteen feet by twelve, made in London, divided into twelve sections, each dedicated to some well known character, prominent in church and state, is a most striking piece of art All the windows are of stained glass, memorials to those connected with its history, of beautiful design. Its carved altar an exquisite reading desk; its wine glass pulpit; its beautiful foot of Carara marble, made in

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Rev. R. A. McKay, of Campostella Heights, Norfolk, will enter upon the ministry of their new church about April 1, of this year.

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In May, 1828, the first slaves were taken into the church, later others were admitted. In June, 1867, a group of Negroes applied for dismission to join a colored church organized at Franklin Depot in Southampton coun-

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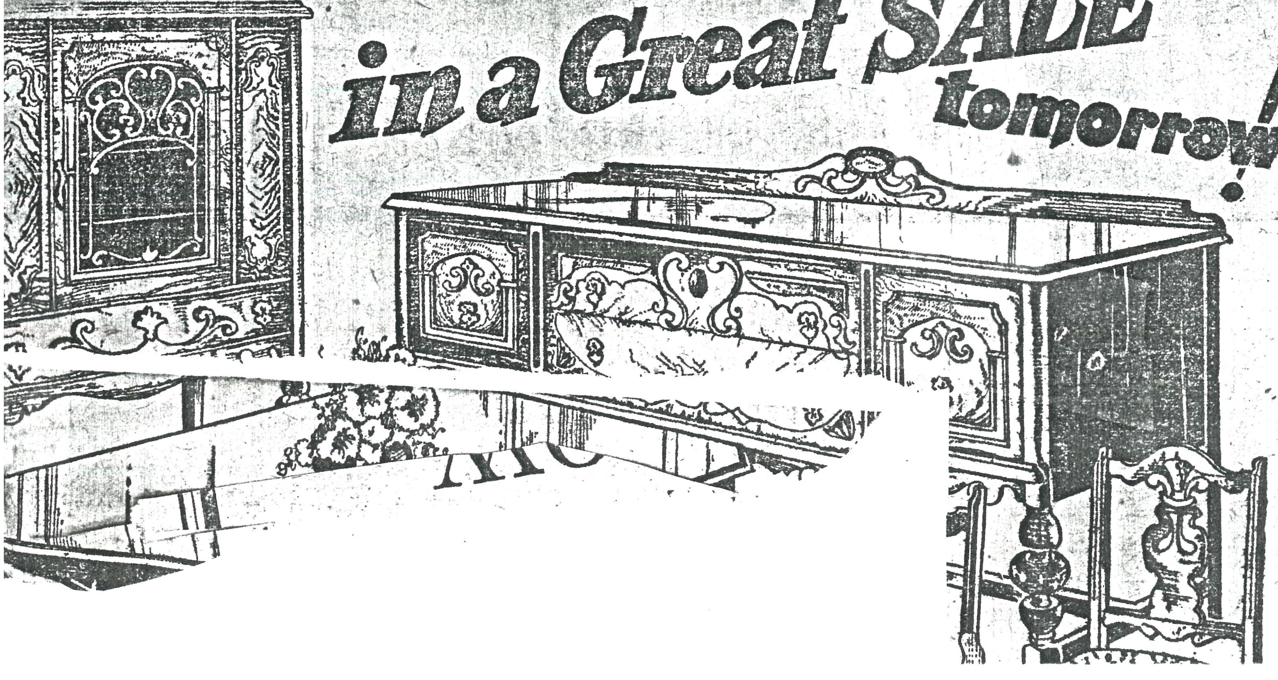

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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had been so much spoiled by dampness that it became an easy pr y to worms and soon became illegible and fell to pieces. It was this book, that tradition says, contained entries regarding the proceedings relative to the erection of the Old Brick Church. The ministers of this church, besides Falkner and Hodges, so far as known, were: Rev. Thomas Bailey prior to and during 1724; Rev. Mr. Barlow, 1726-27; Rev. John Gammiee, 1729-1743; Rev. John Camm, 1745, for a few months only; Rev. John Reid, 1746-1757; Rev. Mr. Milner, 1766-1770; Rev. I. H. Burgess, 1770-76; Rev. Hubard, died on the Glebe in 1802; Rev. Samuel Butler, about 1780; Rev. William G. H. Jones, 1826-1832. The vestry from 1724 to 1777 were: Lawrence Baker, William Bridger, Thomas Woodley, Maj. Joseph Bridger, Arthur Smith, Thomas Smtih, Johran Thomas, Robert Tynes, William Hodsden, Joseph Bridger, Col Joseph Bridger, Nicholas Parker, Richard Baker, James Bridger, Richard Hardy, John Day. This church now has no minister of its own, but the rector of Christ Church, Smithfield hold services there a few months of the year, and the vestry of this church serve in the same capacity for the old church. Many of the other denominations nearby, cherish the sacred edifice and all that it stands for, and are united through it, with all other churches in the "evangelization of the world."

Christ Episcopal Church—Smithfield

Rev. William G. H. Jones served the First Parish from 1826-1830, (according to the record of Mr. R. S. Thomas), succeeded by Rev. Hevges, 1831-1833. Under the latter Christ Church in Smithfield was built in 1832, just two hundred years later than historic old St. Luke's. A nearly complete record of the ministers who have served this church since its erection follows: Revs. Thomas Smith, John Downing, John C. McCabe, Aurelius Smith, C. M. Colton, J. C. Robert, Perkins, Hoxton, Edward Wrath, F. A. Mede, David Barr, Frank Scott, Robert Carter, Francis Lee, R. R. Phelps, Floyd Cartwright, and William Bracy Shaw. The present vestrymen are: J. W. Briggs, L. L. Chapman, W. F. Moody, Dr. Rea Parker, A. S. Johnson, W. P. Warren and J. L. Warner.

The Bay Church

There was another church of the Episcopal denomination called the Bay Church and erected in 1750, which was located about five miles from Smithfield on Burwells Bay (originally Warro squayoke Bay). The land is now owned by Mr. Thomas R. Turner, having come into possession of the Turner family about 1810.

The building was torn down and a kitchen, at the family home across the highway was made of the brick. The pews were used in making partitions in a barn. The last named building was utterly destroyed by a stroke of lightning, deemed by many the wrath of God, because of the desecration of His holy temple. There are no remains of the church building, but a few graves are there in the quiet church ground. And only the whispering winds in the tree tops, and the carolling of birds, break the stillness, where once they assembled to lift their voices in songs of praise and prayer to God.

MILL SWAMP BAPTIST

It is generally believed that the first Baptist Church was organized in Virginia in 1714, and that this is Mill Swamp.

In Benedict's general history of the Baptist denomination in America we find: In consequence of letters from Virginia, Robert Nordin and Thomas White were ordained in Loudon, in May, 1714, and soon sailed for Virginia. But White died by the way, and Nordin arrived in Virginia and gathered a church at a place called Burley, in the county of Isle of Wight. There were probably a number of Baptists settled in the place before the arrival of Nordin, by whose request, and for the service of whom, he and White were ordained, and undertook the distant voyage; but who, or how many these were; or how long they had been there, are inquiries which we cannot answer.

Mr. Nordin continued preaching at Burley and other places until he died in a good old age in 1725. Two years after his death, in 1727, Casper Mintz and Richard Jones, both preachers, arrived from England and settled with the church at Burley and Jones became their pastor.

This church continued for about forty or fifty years. During, or towards the end of that period many of its members removed to North Carolina, and through them, other churches were established there.

In 1756, the church at Burley, or Burleigh, sent a letter to the Philadelphia Association, saying in part, "We, the above mentioned church, confess ourselves to be under clouds of darkness concerning the faith of Jesus Christ, etc." This was signed Casper Mintz, Richard Jones, Randall Allen, Joseph Mattgum, Christopher Atkinson, Benjamin Atkinson, David Atkinson, David Atkinson, Thomas Vafer, (this was often spelled Gapher or Cofer), Samuel Jones, William Jordan, John Allen, John Powell, Joseph Atkinson.

After this there is a period of many years of unrecorded history.

Parke P. Deans, in his brochure, "The First Baptist Church in Virginia," maintains that this church continued to survive, giving as his reason that the Rev. Richard Jones did not die until 1762, during which time he may have continued to hold the church together. He also states that Paul Palmer and Joseph Parker, Free Will Baptist, ministered to these people from 1757 to 1765. He thinks Miller Vanhorn and Gano, of the Philadelphia Association answered the letter and visited them on their travels in Virginia during the period.

In 1775 Thomas Cafer, or Cofer, deeded to the Baptist Society the land on which Mill Swamp now stands.

In Col E. M. Morrison's history of Isle of Wight, he says: "Richard Jones was its pastor for over thirty years, then following twenty years of unrecorded history, and after a carcer of about forty-three years became extinct and was lost to history. In 1772 the Rev. John Meglamore, from Raccoon Swamp, now Antioch Church, Sussex county, preached and baptized a number of people; these people, on July 2nd, 1774, me
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WHITEHEAD GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Whitehead's Grave Baptist Church

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In the fall of 1875, Rev. Joseph Deans, who was pastor of the Smithfield Baptist Church and who also served Bacon's Castle and Dr. Jordan5s School House (Central Hill) as an appointee of the State Mission Board, began preaching, once a month, for the struggling little church, and new life was infused.

Plans were now made for a new church building. An effort was made to secure land at what is now Wills' Corner, but they were unable to do so. Finally Mr. Jack Whitehead, a non-member of that church, very generously offered to give as much land as was needed from his property, and the church was erected on the main road, between Benn's Church and Chuckatuck, and called Whitehead's Grove Baptist Church, in honor of the donor of the church lot. On November 18, 1877, it was dedicated. Ten years later it was enlarged and improved.

In 1890, the church sustained a great loss in the death of J. Robert Broch, who with his father, Joel Broch, had been so prominent in church affairs.

Again in 1902, another beloved member passed away, Mr. Crittenden C. Channell, who had been the recognized leader for thirty-three years, serving as clerk, deacon, treasurer and superintendent of Sunday School. So much was he loved and respected by his brethren that a tablet to his memory was placed in the church.

In February, 1903, their beloved pastor, Rev. Joseph Dean, died at his home in Windsor, after having served this church for twenty-seven years.

In 1910, the church was again remodeled and improved, and still more was done to add to its comfort and attractiveness a few years later. In the mean while it had grown in strength and membership and had increased its contributions to all church causes.

The pastors who have served this church are: Revs. W .O. Bailey, Isaac W Luke, Reuben R. Owens, J. R. Watkins, J. C. Stephenson, J. T. Bowden, Dr. J. L. Lawless, J. W. Rawls, George W. Cox, George W. Savage and Thomas W. Page, the present pastor. Mr. Lee J. Crumpler, has been clerk for thirty-six years.

The deacons are: Lee J. Crumpler, S. Lloyd Torne, J. Waverly Horne, C. H. Lawrence, A. W. Broch, C. T. Minton, S. P. Butler and D. J. Murphy. Treasurer, J. Waverly Horne; trustees, A. W. Broch, Lee J. Crumpler and S. T. Butler.

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BEAVER DAM BAPTIST

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ty. There was a gradual decrease in colored membership, some by letter of dismission and others, who sought a livelihood in other sections. In 1879, a colored church was organized near Carrsville, which grew out of the colored membership of Beaver Dam Church. This new organization was assisted most generously in building this church by its former white brethren.

Under the leadership of Rev. Murfre the church grew. It is worthy of note that the records show often every member to be present at the conference and on other occasions only one or two absent. It further states that the "absentees were reproved and dealt with as should be fit." The church exercised a careful watch over its members and matters of great delicacy were dealt with frankly and openly. A charge was brought against one sister for "deviation in her statements" about another sister.

There followed a long period of progress, and several changes of ministers. The pastor's salary had been raised from twenty dollars, the original sum, to thirty and finally to forty dollars a year.

There was an endeavor to begin a Sunday School in 1833, but it was not successful until about 1855 or 1860, of which Wiley Council was superintendent, and T. W. Council secretary.

Between the years of 1861-65 there is no record, owing to the great civil strife, the War Between the States, during which time the churches suffered with the rest of our Southland.

Rev. Putnam Owen, who had been pastor since 1854, again resumed his duties and ministered to his people until his death in 1877, a period of twenty-two years of faithful service.

The church continued to go forward, and missionary, denominational and benevolent objects were supported. The first mention of a protracted meeting was made in 1876, the evangelist not named, but fifty souls were gathered into the Kingdom and baptized at Jenkins Mill Pond." Shortly after, the Rev. Owens died.

In 1880 W. F. Holland, clerk, asked for a letter of dismission for fifteen members of Beaver Dam Church for the purpose of organizing a church at Holland's Corner, Nansemond county. Thus another church grew out of Beaver Dam.

A burying ground was offered to the church by W. T. Daughtrey, the same year, and purchased from him for five dollars.

J. E. Hutson held a "mighty revival" in 1881 and returned several successive years for the same purpose.

In 1906 this church withdrew from the Portsmouth Association for the purpose of forming a new association. We read: "The Blackwater Association held its first annual session with Beaver Dam Church beginning Tuesday, September 17, 1907." A. L. Gardner was elected first moderator, and Dr. Gavin Rawls, its first clerk.

In 1915 the church was remodeled, class rooms added and a new library room.

In the World War of 1914, the following members entered the service: Luther C. Scott, Richard Eley, William Carr, S. Paul Carr, Patrick Fowler, Mills E. Turner, Thomas A. Lankford, Joel A. Lankford, Robert L. Bradshaw, Livey Johnson and Claude Howell; Luther Scott was wounded in the battle of the Argonne and died in the hospital in 1918. His body was brought back and buried with military honors in the cemetery at Beaver Dam Church.

The church suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Gavin Rawls in 1922. He had been the clerk of the church for several decades and Bible class teacher. He often supplied in the absence of the pastor and was one of their most treasured members.

The names of the ministers who have served this church through the century are; Revs. Simon Murfre, Jack K. Daughtrey, Edward Howell, Putnam Owens, Samuel Saunders, J. D. Harte, J. L. McCutcheon, G. S. Kennard, A. D. Hunter, J. P. Essex, John K. Gorde, Ray Staples, W. Thornburn Clark, G .C. Duncan and G. R. Pankey. Rev. W. P. Denson is at present serving this church, which has just rounded out its one hundred years of untold service to its community.

Beaver Dam Church is located between Carrsville and Franklin, on the concrete highway ,and in one of the most prosperous, and progressive sections of Isle of Wight County.

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Through its history the church has worked together in harmony, and has ever been loyal to the work of the denomination. It has been noted at all times for the loyalty of its membership to the pastor."

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SMITHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The Smithfield Baptist Church was organized October 31, 1830. On October 3, 1830, the following applied for and received letters of dismission from the Mill Swamp Baptist Church for the purpose of forming a Baptist Church in Smithfield: Jas. C. Jordan, Charles Wrenn, John R. Pollard, Thomas Gray, James Cofer, Mrs. Selah F. Jordan, Priscilla S. Day, Adelaide T. Jordan, Mary Pollard and Martha Goodson.

On Friday, October 29, 1830, these, with Rev. Robert T. Daniel and Rev. B. C. Howell met in the Methodist Church and discussed the proprietory of organizing a Baptist Church in Smithfield. The discussion was continued on Saturday, articles of faith and rules of decorum were adopted and on Sunday morning, October 31, 1830, in the Methodist Church, the Smithfield Baptist Church was constituted under the supervision of the above named ministers.

The original location of the church was where the colored Baptist Church now stands. The early career was a very checkered one, being largely a struggle for existence. But a few faithful members held the work together and kept it going. The first Sunday School was organized in 1858.

In 1873 the Presbyterian Church, situated on the present location, was purchased. In 1879 this building was enlarged and greatly improved, and from that date the church has made steady progress through the years. In 1889 the present pastor's home on Church street was purchased. This building was afterwards enlarged and improved.

On October 26, 1902 the church resolved to erect a new building on the same site. On April 6, 1903 the work of tearing down the old building was begun. On May 19, 1903 the corner stone of the new edifice was laid with imposing ceremonies, and on March 27, 1904 the new building was dedicated with impressive services. We note from the records that the following brethren participated in the dedicatory services. Rev. E. C. Dargan, D. D., Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., Rev. S. C. Clopton, D. D., Pastor, Rev. Theo. J. Bowden ,and Rev. W. T. Green of the Methodist Church.

The committee in charge of the new building was composed of the following: P. D. Gwaltney, S. C. Clopton, J. J. Johnson, J. R. Jordan and J. B. Grimes. It was largely through the generosity and untiring energy and unflagging interest of P. D. Gwaltney that the erection of the present beautiful home of worship was made possible However, we note the membership of the church cooperated most heartily in the worthy enterprise and gave it their unstinted support.

For several years the church sustained a mission at Battery Park, and on July 23, 1899 the Battery Park Baptist Church was formally organized.

The church has had a long list of pastors, among them some outstanding men in the Baptist denomination. The first pastor seems to have been Rev. S. Sherwood, then Rev. J. M. W. Williams, Rev. Samuel H. Holmes and Rev. Jno. W. Ward. Following these in order are Rev. J. F. Deans, D. D., 1875-1878, Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D., 1880-1883, Rev. W. A. Pearson, 1883-1887, Rev. C. N. Donaldson, 1888-1889, Rev. T. B. Shepherd, 1890-1899, Rev. S. C. Clopton, D. D., 1899-1905. The church remained without a pastor for more than a year during which time it was ably supplied by Rev. N. Richards. In 1906 Rev. T. S. Dunaway, D. D., began his work as pastor and continued until stricken with paralysis. His influence yet abides in the community where he wrought with such unselfish devotion. He was followed by Dr. Preston Blake, D. D., who had to resign after a brief pastorate because of declining health. He was succeeded by Rev. G. D. Faulkner, Th D. After his resignation the church was ably supplied for several months by Rev. A. B. Rudd, D. D. The present pastor, Rev. L. F. Paulette, began his work on March 1st, 1928. The outstanding pastorates in the long history of the church seem to be those of Dr. Clopton and Dr. Dunaway.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

Interesting Information of the Beginning of Methodist Church in Isle of Wight and Virginia

To the Rev. Robert Williams belongs the honor of planting Methodism in Virginia. He was born in England, but settled in Ireland, where he labored as a local preacher in connection with the Methodist Societies. From Mr. Wesley he received a license to preach under the outhority of the regular missionaries in the American field. He was very poor and sold his house to pay his debts, before setting out for the New World. His outfit consisted of a pair saddle bags containing a few pieces of clothing, a loaf of bread and a bottle of milk. His passage was paid by a Mr. Ashton, who came over in the same vessel. He settled in one of the Northern states.

Mr. Williams landed in New York in 1769. He obtained a license to travel and preach as a missionary. In the fall of 1771, we find him on the Eastern Shore of Maryland passing down the peninsula towards the lower portion of Virginia. The date of his first appearance in Virginia is 1772. He landed at Norfolk early in the year and opened a mission. He preached his first sermon at the door of the Court House. Standing on the steps he began to sing. Attracted by the novel sound, the people gathered around, and gazed on him with astonishment. The hymn finished he kneeled and prayer. He then announced his text and preached to a most disorderly crowd.

It appears from the most reliable account that the whole of the year 1773 was spent by Mr. Williams in preaching and forming societies in the section of the state south of Petersburg. It is supposed that the Methodists had no church building in Norfolk until about the year 1794. Mr. Asbury on his first visit to the place in June 1775 found

Phillips, John Turner, Bannister Meddor, Joseph Dunn."

In reference to this session Asbury says: "We passed a close comfortable conference. We had great accounts of the work of God in the state of Delaware, and also in Franklin Circuit Virginia. We had grace but no gold, and we wanted $143.00 of silver to pay the just demands of the preachers to their $64.00 per year."

In 1804, Asbury grown now very feeble, preached at Norfolk and Portsmouth. From Norfolk he traveled along toward the seat of the Conference that year at Salem Chapel. He writes in his journal: "Wednesday the twenty-eight of April, I preached at Powell's Chapel; on Thursday at Benn's Chapel, Isle of Wight. We had a decent but not a feeling congregation. After preaching, I rode up to William Blount's. On Good Friday, socalled, I preached at Blount's and administered the sacrament. I rode to Joseph Moody's. We drew the plan of a new house, forty by thirty feet, two stories high, but will it ever be built? I doubt it, etc, etc.

In 1805, they rejoiced to find that "God had wrought powerfully at Blount' and Benn's; at the former place the people were preparing a large house of worship."

In 1809, Asbury made a rapid journey through Virginia. He passed on to Petersburg. He writes:

"I expected to find religion more lively in this district, but we are on our own lees. I grieved to find that that some of the preachers went about visiting instead of being at their work, the spirit of the world, and still worse politics. O death, death! O Lord keep thy ministers faithful." At William Blount's he preached to a few people who had come through dark

Methodist connection, there are no records save the most recent. The church was rebuilt in 1838, and again in 1888. The present handsome brick structure was erected in 1924, and stands in the same beautiful grove of oaks, within a few feet of the old building which has been removed. It is five miles from Smithfield on the highway to Suffolk; and at the junction of this highway with the new concrete road which leads to the James River Bridge. The names of the very earliest pastors of this church are not known, a partial record follows beginnig with the year, and extending to the present time. These are: Revs. Wm. Booker, 1869; E. Mitchell, 1871; A. C. Bledsoe, 1873; J. B. Merritt, 1874; R. A. Compton, 1875; J. C. Watson, 1876; Jacob Manning, 1879; J. C. Moore, 1883; T. W. McSimpson, 1885-1887; Mrancis Taylor, 1888; J. W. Stiff, 1892; R. M. Maxey, 1893; C. H. McGee, 1895; R. S. Baughan, 1896; M. S. Colonna, 1899; J. O. Moss, 1903; J. E. B. Smith, 1905; H. J. Paylor, 1908; Lee G. Crutchfield, 1911; E. H. Powell, 1915; J. H. Holloway, 1919; Porter Hardy, 1921; S. H. Hurst, 1923; C. Fred Williams, 1924; R. V. Owens, 1928.

The stewards are: H. C. Hall, J. M. Branch, J. Walter Chapman, Charles E. Davis, A. S. Fulgham, M. R. Minton. Trustees, A. O. Channell, J. M. Branch, J. W. Chapman, N. L. Hart, C. S. Jordan, H. C. Hall, M. R. Minton.

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Robert Williams' home was on the main road, about midway between Suffolk and Portsmouth, and much of his activity was devoted to preaching in houses and chapels along the route from Norfolk to Richmond. He died at his home in 1775. At his death he left "a legacy of three acres of ground for a parsonage site, a cow for the preacher, that he might never want milk, and a perpetual annuity of ten dollars to the oldest unmarried preacher of the New York Conference. All trace of his resting place has been lost.

"Robert Williams preached the first Methodist sermon on Virginia soil, he formed the first society, he printed the first Methodist book, he aided in building the first church, he made out the plan of the first circuit, he was the first to marry, the first to locate, the first to die."

Francis Asbury landed in Norfolk 1775. He made Norfolk and Portsmouth his headquarters but extended his labors into the surrounding country, where he preached in private houses, chapels and barns.

The Virginia Conference for 1800 held at the home of William Blount, Isle of Wight County, on the nineth of April. From this year the records of the Conference for Virginia have been preserved. The record in part reads: "At the yearly Conference held at Blount's in Isle of Wight, Virginia, for the year of our Lord 1800, oppointed to be held in Norfolk, but on account of the smallpox removed to Bro Blounts'; the following persons were received on trial and their recommendations filed and numbered: Wiley Jones, Samuel Meredith, James Hunt, Jesse Cole, John Cox, John Gamewell and William Davis. x x x The following bretheren were received into full connection: Samuel Hooser, John Evans, Josiah

that except at a few places there was great languer and indifference among the people, yet he prayed and hoped for better times.

In 1821 we learned that "At a camp meeting in Isle of Wight the spirit descended in great power, and the praise of God burst from the lips of many who had been strangers to his name; one hundred and fifty were here born from above."

Benn's Meeting House, and the land on which it stands, was willed to the Methodist Convention by George Benn in 1813. This is the mother church of Methodism in Isle of Wight.

The following extract from a history of the Old Brick Church, by Mr. R. S. Thomas is of much interest to the Methodist denomination: "One grand historic land-mark of the old churchyard has recently yielded to the scythe of time, but its exact spot and its memory ought for many reasons to be perpetuated."

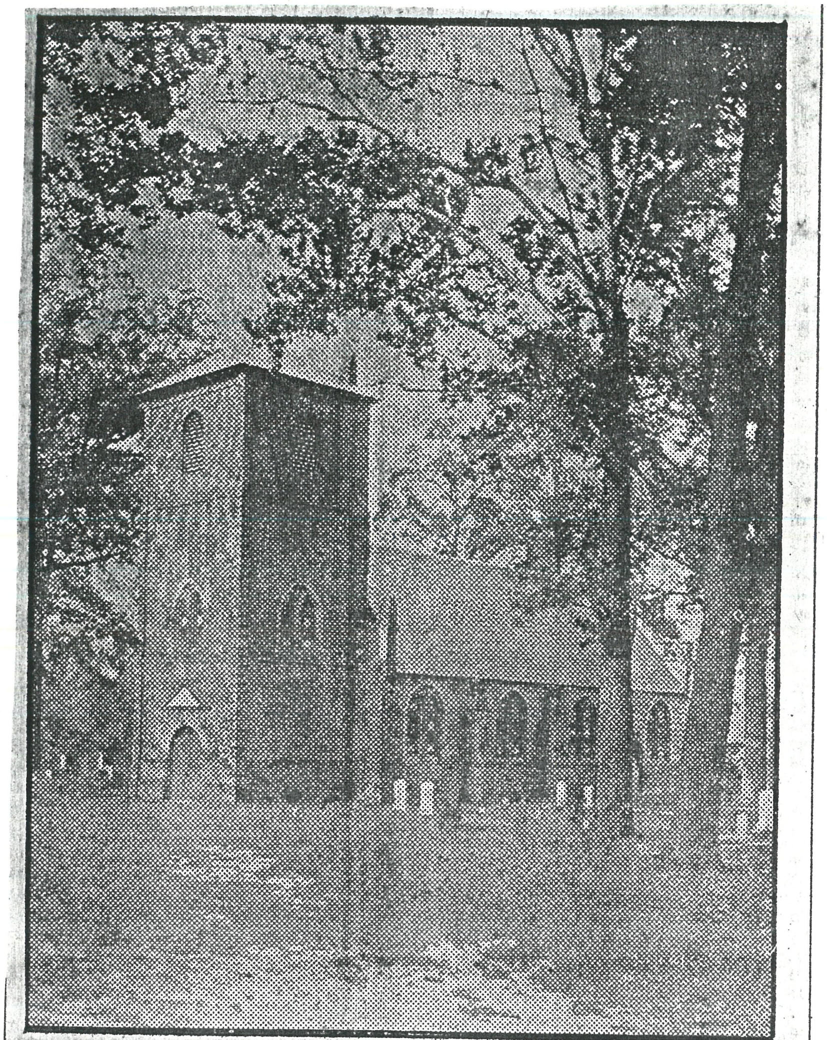
"A grand old oak stood by the side of the road right between what is now the burial lots of William Gale and Walter B. Jordan. Under that oak Tarleton and his officers rested when they made a dash for Col. Josiah Parker in 1781. Under that oak Lorenzo Dow preached, Joseph Norsworthy and others were converted and he and they there joined the Methodist, and laid the foundations of the now famous Benn's Church."

It is much to be deplored that these old churches, with few exceptions did not preserve their records. When the church book was completed, or it was deemed expedient to get a new one, the old recard was thrown away and much priceless history lost; and Benns was no exception. Except from the quotation from Asbury's journal, and the old will of George Benn, bequeathing the church property to the

Though the church called was not built until 1830, that section had been a stronghold for Methodism since the days of Asbury, and other itinerant Methodist preachers When one of these preachers stayed at a home for the night, preaching was often done there, as has been mentioned. Mr. Uzzell and Mr. Blount probably having more commodious houses these were thus used. Tradition says that for Bishop Asbury's use, a pulpit was made behind which he stood in these private homes and preached. Uzzells' Church has that pulpit and it is prized as a precious possession.

On this land given by Thomas Uzzell the church was built. In 1874, the first building was remodeled, and the name changed to Olivet. In 1888, the present building was erected and the name of Uzzell restored. In 1930, this church is planning a centennial celebration. At this time there will be read a paper, which will have all the church history and traditions that can be assembled, for this small church is rich in both. Mr. John Godwin is the present superintendent of Sunday School. The board of stewards are: W. C. Gale, J. R. Wilson, Paul Godwin, S. O. Garner, G. C. Allman, J. W. Hall, and John Godwin, Jr.

This church is on the charge which embraces Bethany, Bay View, Bethel and Uzzells' and the pastor, who lives at the parsonage in Smithfield, is the Rev. E. W. Somerville. The charge is termed Isle of Wight Charge. The trustees of this church are: W. V. Wilson, Geo. W. Gale, and John Godwin, Sr.



Old St. Luke's Church, built in 1632, on the King's Highway. It is known also as the "Old Brick Church," and is said to be the oldest Protestant church in America.

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It was difficult to get ministers, and when one remembers that the supervision and control was lodged in the Bishop of England, so far away, it is easy to see how hampered was the church, and yet they found time and opportunity to give religious instruction not only to the colonists themselves, their children and servants, but in many cases the native Indians.

A number of churches were built at intervals of seven miles from the lower part of Norfolk County, to and beyond the Appomatox River. Only few of these remain.

The "Old Brick Church," of Isle of Wight still stands a sacred shrine and monument to the past. Beside it is a ravine, once filled with water enough to float a large boat—so says one of the

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It seems that Mr. R. S. Thomas, a prominent Virginian residing in Smithfield, a lawyer of ability and a historical student of good reputation, has taken Professor Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary, to task over some of the historical data connected with the Old Brick Church in Isle of Wight county. Mr. Thomas has a long letter in the Richmond Times of Sunday which is well worth reading. It closes with these words:

I have alluded to the evidence that the old church was built in 1632. I have heretofore alluded to the evidence that Mr. Falkner was pastor of that church in 1642. It holds the remains of Miss Norsworthy, of 1660, and the subsequent evidence need not be alluded to.

Perhaps I ought not to close without returning my thanks to Professor Tyler for his kind exhortation "not to be discouraged" with the sad results of "this little controversy" with him; and for his gracious permission to occupy certain designated fields of labor.

I do not know what I would do if I did not regard the first suggestion as premature, and the second as too late. I did not know until he told me of it that I was bruised, mangled and bleeding at every pore.

I have been browsing in the fields mentioned a little occasionally, and as Professor Tyler has been doing the same thing, if he will come over, we will smoke the pipe of peace, and take a good, natured, kind-hearted, amiable stroll through them, even if he does assume a little air of patronage and encouragement.

March 1, 1929.

Windsor Baptist Church

The Windsor Baptist Church was the outgrowth of a union Sunday School held in the old Masonic Hall for one year. The church was organized by Rev. J. P. Deans in 1879. The biulding was erected on land bought from Mr. Peele and is still in use, though it was remodeled in 1916 and 1925. Two of its charter members are still living, Mrs. J. P. Deans and Dr. Franklin Pierce. These are pastors in order: Revs. J. P. Deans, J. T. Bowden, C. P. Ryland, J. L. King, C. M. Billings, Dr. O. L. Owens and Rev. J. Sydney Cobb, who began his pastorate in 1925. The deacons are: John Powell, J. T. Holland, L. T. Hall, Stephen Roberts and W. H. Carson.

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(Over State Route No. 10)

After leaving Suffolk we come to Chuckatuck, an old Indian village with its original colonial hospitality and quietude. Along this road from this point are many old churches of colonial days, or their ruins, which are passed at intervals of every five miles or more. At Uzzell's Church Bishop Granberry preached; then comes Benn's Church, one of the oldest Methodist Churches in the state. Just beyond is St. Luke's Episcopal Church known as "The Old Brick Church," built in 1632—the oldest building of English construction standing in America

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Tales from the crypt

> “There were all sorts of tales about supposedly flowing images in the churchyard.
>
> **Curator Richard Austin**”

St. Luke's offers visitors glimpse of past lives

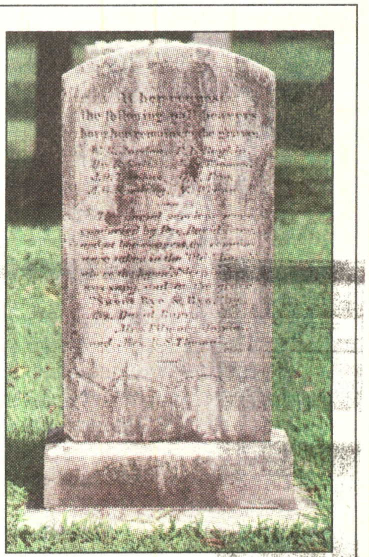
By Judi Tull
Daily Press

ISLE OF WIGHT

Dead men may tell no tales, but their gravestones can sure say a lot.

Nowhere in Southside are the weathered tombstones more eloquent than in the cemeteries at Historic St. Luke's Church.

Four distinct cemeteries actually comprise the graves now cared for by Historic St. Luke's



The tombstone of Fannie N. Parker, who was born Oct. 15, 1835, and died May 20, 1886, gives a detailed account of her funeral, much like an obituary in a newspaper.

Left: This is the St. Luke's Church cemetery as seen from the church porch.
Photos by **Adrin Snider**/Daily Press

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by Historic St. Luke's Restoration, Inc., the foundation which oversees the church and its 20-acre property.

The Old Church Cemetery, at the rear of the church, is home to the oldest graves, many of which are assumed to date back to the 1600s, says curator Richard Austin.

On the southern side of the church's property, the once-private Benn's Church cemetery was merged with St. Luke's in the early 1900s.

To the north, St. Luke's Memorial Park, the most modern cemetery, was started in the late 1930s and purchased by the foundation in 1977. Burials are still allowed in the Memorial Park. The fourth cluster of graves originally came from the Davis and Jordan family properties that became part of the church after Route 10 was moved.

"Suffice it to say that it was a very complicated arrangement to get it all together," Austin says. He estimates that there are more than 1,500 graves on the property, although a definite number cannot be ascertained because many graves remain unmarked, maintenance staff of two people.

The oldest readable stone in the cemetery belongs to James Easson, the Scottish merchant who settled in Smithfield in the early 1700s. The engraving on Easson's stone slab, chipped and battered and worn away with time, is barely legible except for the year of his passing: 1767.

"We believe that there are older graves here, but we just can't be sure when they are from," says Austin.

The crypts of Joseph Bridger and Anne Randall lie inside the church, in front of the altar and beneath the

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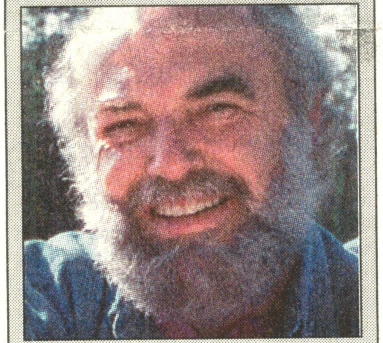

The face is familiar. So is the voice. But what's he doing there in the cemetery at Historic St. Luke's church instead of surrounded by vegetables or asking for help for hungry children?

Alan Sader, whose face is known in this area as a spokesman for Farm Fresh grocery stores, is the on-camera presence for the new video for Historic St. Luke's Church.

Sader's acting experience includes movies with Mary Tyler Moore, June Lockhart and Sissy Spacek as well as a stint on "Another Life," a soap opera produced in Virginia.

New video details St. Luke's history

By Judi Tull
Daily Press

ISLE OF WIGHT

Lights! Camera! History!

It's surely the smallest theater in the area: just nine folding chairs tucked into a tiny space that once housed restrooms.

But for Historic St. Luke's Church, the room and the brand new video tape that is shown there are a leap into the future and a boon to the nearly 20,000 visitors who come to the national shrine each year.

The 11-minute video, which was produced by Features International of Chesapeake, was scripted by St. Luke's curator Richard Austin and was filmed at the site over a period of several days last spring.

Many of the shots are stills from history books or close-ups of artifacts that visitors never see when they tour the oldest church in America.

Among those relics are Bibles from 1629, silver wine flagons from 1683, and a silver gilt chalice from the early 1600s. These items are kept in the church's safe and are only displayed during the annual homecoming in May.

The production of the video, which cost around $15,000, and the renovation of the viewing room were paid for by Historic St. Luke's Restoration, Inc., the foundation which maintains the church and grounds.

The 31-inch television and videotape player were paid for by a $3,125 grant from the estate of Jessie Ball DuPont, a benefactor of the church during the 1960s.

Signs will let visitors know that the tape is available and they may see it on request.

Austin says that some visitors who have seen the tape during these first two weeks have asked if it is possible to buy copies of it and he is now considering making the tape available to the public.

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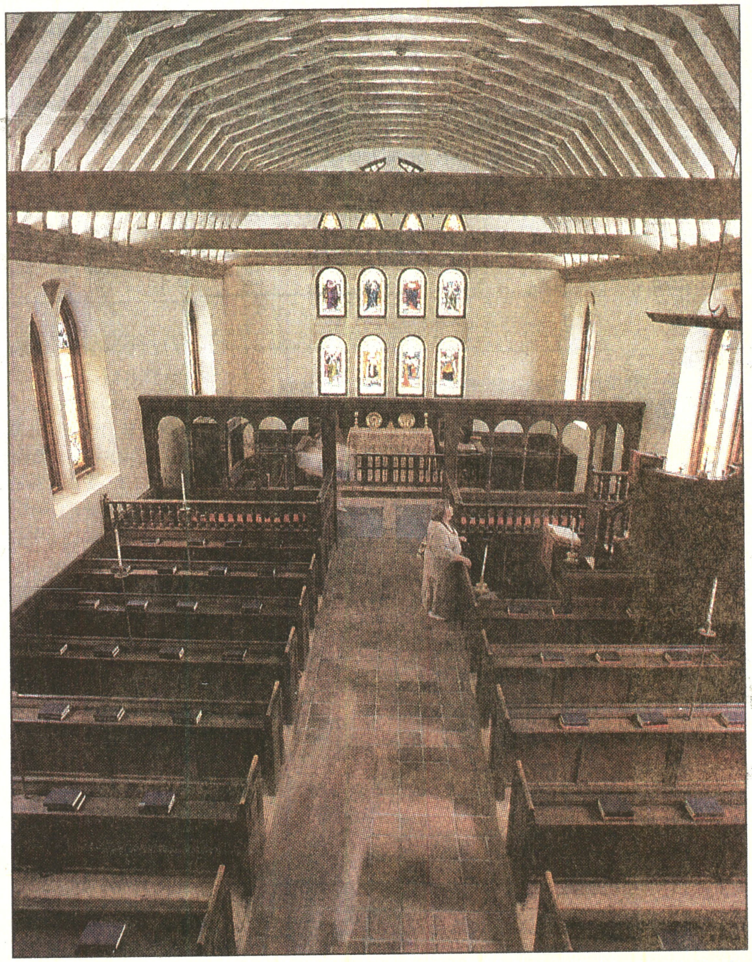

The crypts of Joseph Bridger and Anne Randall lie inside St. Luke's, in front of the altar and beneath stained-glass windows.